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NEWS OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL!

Late Developments Indicate that Roscoe C. Bruce was Not Severel Injured in Recent Auto Accident.

"PROHIBITION NIGHT" AT BETHEL LITERARY

A Civic Association Organized at True Reformers' Hall with J. W. Lewis as President—Bishop Walters Still has Hopes that the Next Recorder of Deeds will be a Negro—President Wilson Did Not Give his Endorsement to the Film Play, "The Birth of a Nation"—Dudley Closes Three Weeks at Phila.

By R. W. Thompson.

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Washington, D. C., Special.

Later developments indicate that Prof. Roscoe Conkling Bruce was not so severely injured in the recent automobile accident on the Maryland road as the earlier reports led the public to imagine. On Monday, just a week and a half after the fateful occurence at Relay, Prof. Bruce was able to resume his duties as assistant superintendent of the Washington public schools, and is seen daily at his desk in the Franklin building. He has had nothing to say for publication anent the affair. Miss Jessie Wormley, of the Miner Normal school, is still in a dangerous condition at her home in U street, and may not return to her work for some time, if at all this school year. Mrs. Miriam Wormley Lewis and Mrs. Helen Wormley Anderson, the other ladies in the auto party at the time of the accident, are slowly improving under the care of Dr. E. D. Williston. Those on the inside in local school matters insist that other chapters in the thrilling story are yet to be written, and the gentle public is still agog with excitement over the promised sensations.

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A civic association was organized a few evenings ago at the True Reformers' hall, with J. W. Lewis, president of the Industrial Savings Bank, as temporary chairman, and J. H. Johnson, of the Economizers' Association, as secretary. A committee, consisting of Rev. A. C. Garner, J. W. Williams and J. R. Moss, was named to report a constitution and by-laws at the next meeting. The membership is growing and the young organization gives evidence of ultimate usefulness in safeguarding the welfare of the race in this community.

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Miss Jessica Fauset, of the M street high school, has postponed her trip to Europe, planned for the coming summer. She is to take a year's course of study at the famous Sorbonne in Paris.

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Tuesday was "Prohibition Night" at the Bethel Literary Association's meeting at Metropolitan A. M. E. church. The principal address was delivered by Mr. Andrew Wilson, president of the Anti-Saloon League of the District of Columbia. Others who spoke on the evils of intemperance were Rev. Walter H. Brooks, Rev. J. Milton Waldron, Mrs. Rosette E. Lawson, Mrs. C. H. Stepteau, Dr. C. W. Childs and Mrs. Alma J. Scott. The anti-liquor spirit is spreading among the colored people of Washington and an organized effort is being made to stop the practice of establishing saloons in Negro residential districts, when the whites are almost free from such nuisances in the neighborhood of their homes.

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S. H. Dudley, the race's foremost comedian, has just closed three big weeks at Philadelphia in the houses of the Keith circuit. He was accompanied by the faithful William Hodgkins and the unique mule, "Patrick." Mr. Dudley is to make a long tour of the west at an early date and may extend his itineracy to the Pacific coast. The public is anxious to see Mr. Dudley again at the head of a standard road show and negotiations looking to that end are now on foot. A leading New York amusement firm is said to be willing to back Mr. Dudley, if the latter will consent to head the company.

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At Dudley's theatre a monster stock company is to open about the 10th of May, for an indefinite run. The roster of the organization will embrace "String Beans," Sweetie May, Ora Dunlop, Sam H. Gray, Lew Kenner, Frederico De-Botts and wife, and others of like caliber. Johnny Woods and "Little Henry" are scoring at Dudley's this week. Mr. Woods has a new line of talk and is easily the nation's premier ventriloquist. Miss Emma Michaels is also on the bill.

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The commission on industrial relations began a series of hearings this week on a number of important subjects. Among others, will come the conclusion of the testimony in the investigation of conditions of employment of Pullman car porters and conductors. Mr. Robert T. Lincoln, chairman of the board of directors of the Pullman company, will be the star witness. Mr. Lincoln is the son of the martyred president of the United States.

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The reports circulated in Boston and other places that President Wilson gave his endorsement to the film play, "The Birth of a Nation," are without foundation, as was disclosed during a visit to the white house this week by Bishop Alexander Walters and former Assistant Attorney-General William H. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was detailed by a committee of Boston colored citizens to inquire into the matter and Bishop Walters accompanied him to the white house. It will be remembered that this moving picture, alleged to show up the Negro in a vicious light, has been objected to by our people in every city where an attempt has been made to exhibit it, and in Boston the indignation of the race reached a climax. Secretary Tumulty received the distinguished visitors with great courtesy and denied that the President has given any endorsement to the obnoxious film. The secretary showed the bishop and Mr. Lewis a letter to Representative Thacher, of Massachusetts, saying that while the picture was once shown at the white house as a compliment to a former classmate of the President's, the President was unaware of its character and has at no time expressed any approbation of it. This information will be repeated officially to the colored people of Boston, who sent Mr. Lewis to Washington to find out the facts in the case. The owners of the film will be requested to omit any further use of the President's name in connection with the advertisements of the picture.

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Bishop Alexander Walters has not lost his hope that the next Recorder of Deeds will be a colored man. He expressed the opinion here this week that if the President names a colored man for the post, the Democratic leaders in the Senate will see to it that he is confirmed. He gives Senator John W. Kern, the Democratic floor leader, as one of the men who can be depended upon to "land" the Negro nominee, if the opportunity for so doing is presented by the white house. Among those mentioned as candidates for Recorder of Deeds are James A. Ross, of New York; A. E. Manning, of Indiana; A. B. Cosey, of New Jersey, and L. C. Moore, of the District of Columbia.

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The Oldest Inhabitants' Association has elected Mr. Eugene Brooks as president, to succeed Mr. Jerome A. Johnson, who declined re-election. The association is prospering and now has about 150 members.

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Dr. W. Bruce Evans, the former principal of Armstrong Manual Training school, continues seriously ill. At a recent meeting of the Board of Education, the matter of a hearing for Dr. Evans, who wishes to enter a protest against his summary removal from his position two years ago, was denied. The sentiment is that Dr. Evans is entitled to his "day in court"—that to dismiss him without giving him an opportunity to be heard in his own defense, smacks of lynch law, and is notoriously unjust. There are no indications that the board, as at present constituted, will grant Dr. Evans any relief.

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Lawyer Thomas L. Jones is to go south this month for a season of much needed rest and recuperation. He is a leader at the District bar and is conceded to be the most successful director of criminal cases in this community, rich as it is in lawyers of every type. Mr. Jones is mentioned as available timber for membership on the board of education to succeed Dr. Chas. H. Marshall, whose term expires June 30.

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Many Washingtonians attended the sessions of the Baltimore Conference of the A. M. E. church in Baltimore last week. Rev. C. H. Stepteau returns to Metropolitan church here; Rev. D. P. Seaton, the veteran divine was assigned to Brown Memorial church, and Rev. David Johnson follows Dr. M. F. Sydes at St. Paul's church. Ebenezer, in Georgetown is to be supplied. In Anacostia, Rev. M. H. Davis goes to Campbell and Rev. W. A. Harris to Allen. Rev. C. W. Mossell continues as presiding elder of this District. Metropolitan A. M. E. church, which is to spend a large sum of money in the next few months for improvements, was unable to entertain the next session of the conference, and Bethel church, Baltimore, was selected. A new roof is to be put on Metropolitan, the interior is to be redecorated and electric lights are to take the place of the antiquated gas system now installed there.

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The election of officers of Bethel Literary and Historical Association will be held on the third Tuesday of this month. Miss Marie A. D. Madre, who has made a splendid presiding officer and who has given the organization a myriad of brilliant meetings, will be re-elected president without opposition. She will enter her fifth term in Bethel's chair, an unprecedented episode in the thirty-four years of the society's existence. Three terms had been the record up to Miss Madre's advent.

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The contract for the erection of the new Asbury M. E. church, Eleventh and K streets, has been let to the S. J. Prescott Company. The cost will be about $50,000 for the building, and the equipment and furnishings will bring the total up to several thousands more. The material will be brick and stone and the design is highly attractive, the "last word" in church architecture. Operations will begin at once and it is expected that the church will be in readiness for the use of the congregation late in the fall. Rev. M. W. Clair has just been returned as pastor for his fourteenth year.

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Lawyer S. A. T. Watkins, of Chicago, representing important interests, made a fine impression recently before the United States Supreme Court.

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Mr. Rufus G. Byars, the popular house manager of the Howard Theater, is out again, after a successful operation at Freedmen's hospital. The officiating surgeon was Dr. A. M. Curtis.

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Mr. Harry T Burleigh, the eminent baritone, for many years connected with the choir of the St. George P. E. church, New York City, sang to a packed house Tuesday night at the Berean Baptist church. He came to the capital as a personal compliment to Mr. Ellis Rivers, son of the pastor of Berean church, and a student at Yale college. Mr. Melville Charlton, pianist, accompanied Mr. Burleigh.

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Mr. Jackson M. Ryan, of Fifteenth street, formerly a factor in the business life of the capital, underwent a successful operation recently and is himself again. He was attended by Dr. Charles I. West.

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Mrs. Eunice B. Chaney, one of the best known matrons of the younger social set, left Sunday for her home in Windsor, N. C., to spend several weeks with her mother. She was accompanied by her bright little son, Master Roger B. Chaney.

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Mr. Gale P. Hilyer, son of Mr. Andrew F. Hilyear, of the Interior Department, this city, has been admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the State of Minnesota. Mr. Hilyear recently finished his course of study in th law department of the University of Minnesota and entered immediately upon the practice of his profession, being connected with the well-known firm of Hall and Tautges. He is superintendent of the Sunday school at St. Thomas P. E. church in Minneapolis, and secretary of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. A brilliant future seems to be in store for this young man, now but 24 years of age.

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Miss Estella C. Coffey, the expert modiste, of 1515 S. Street, spent last week in New York city on business. Miss Coffey is one of the recognized leaders in the profession of costume designing and numbers among her patrons some of the wealthiest families in this section of the country.

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Bishop Alexander Walters wound up his episcopal visit to the Zion churches of the city last Sunday. He preached in the morning at Galbraith, in the afternoon at Trinity and at night at the Wesley church in South Washington.

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The much condemned play, "The Nigger," was shown here at Crandall's theater, and went its way without attracting any attention out of the ordinary. If the film reflected on the colored people, the N. A. A. C. P. did not seem to know it. Many bright-hued colored people saw it and all agreed that the worst thing about it was its misleading title. Rev. J. Milton Waldron, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church, declared that the play's awful indictment of the liquor evil fully justifies its existence. The colored citizens of the capital refused to get excited over the play and robbed it of much advertising thereby. Crandall's does not admit persons known to be "colored."

TIDRINGTON SENT TO JAIL FOR FORTY-EIGHT HOURS .

Grand Chancellor of Colored Pythians Adjudged in Contempt of Court—Injunction is Violated.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—(Special)—Ernest G. Tidrington, colored, grand Pythias, was sentenced to forty-eight hours in the county jail by Judge Hostetter in Superior court Wednesday for contempt of court. A petition to be admitted to bail to stay the jail sentence was overruled and exceptions were filed by John H. Wilson, colored attorney. The contempt proceedings were brought by Wilson, who charged that Tidrington acted in contempt of court by violating an injunction inhibiting him from suspending Wilson from the lodge. Tidrington asked for an appeal in the case Tuesday and the appeal bond of $50 was furnished and approved by the court. Judge Hostetter contended that the appeal would not stay the proceedings and that he would have to go to jail. Tidrington was committed at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

IN OLD PADUKE.

K. of P. All-Star Minstrels Break All Former Records as to Artisticness and Finance—Step on Rusty Nail Causes Serious Injury—Mrs. Campbell Entertains Birthday Party.

(By J. J. Amos, 1063 N. 7th St.)

Special to the Freeman.

PADUCAH, Ky., May 6—Mister, won't you buy a ticket from me for the K. of P. Minstrels, Monday night, April 26th? Neighbor, let me sell you a ticket for the K. of P. Minstrels? My kind friend, I have only one ticket left; won't you please buy it and see the all-star K. of P. Minstrels, at the Roll-a-Way Monday night, the twenty-sixth? These were the questions the ticket sellers for the K. of P. Minstrels were asking from the first ad of the show till the first curtain. The result was that it brought the brave boys big business through the box office. The general agreement is that the all-star Knights of Pythias Minstrels is the chronicled event of two seasons among local talent and near the border of the real professionals. Longer than an hour and a half ere the opening performance, not a few seats were occupied with persons eager to see and hear the first part. About 8:30 the big show began. Three minutes of sweet harmonious singing was heard from behind the scene. Then the medley male chorus entered in march time, singing loudly, yet with a melody that everybody applauded. "Gentlemen, be seated!" spoke Mr. W. C. Buford, the interlocutor. The latest gags and funny jokes belong to this happy bunch only: Count De Standard, interlocutor, W. C. Buford. Happy Bill, comedian, "Bud" Williams. Jolly Jim, J. A. Buford. Stringbeans, Rube Merriweather. Peanut Pete, Will Diggs. Midnight Sundown, Dr. V. J. Davis. Kentucky Blossom, Dr. W. H. Nelson. Mr. J. A. Buford headed the song numbers with his comic song, "In Apple Blossom Time." well rendered too. Mr. Connie Lee put over a classie one, "When the Twilight Comes to Kiss the Rose Goodnight;" could not leave the stage until he responded to the numerous encores. "Somebody Come and Kiss Me," by Mr. Bud Williams, was one more song hit. Judging by the numberless applause, it seemed that "everybody" wanted to come and kiss him. The song, "A Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" was well sung by Mr. John Egester, who is a tender aged basso with a promising future. When Dr. V. J. Davis sang "Why Don't You Quit, Quit, Quit," the house fell into an uproar of storm-like applause, continued till the comedy singer's cheeks presented the appearance of a faded rose, which was due largely to his repeating the awakening hit. A home run for "Dock." The next vocalist to appear (with no mentioning of our great American baritone, Mr. David Bispham), was Mr. Ray J. Shannon, who with his baritone-tenor voice, very effectively sang, "After the Roses Have Faded Away." Dr. W. H. Nelson brought everything his way when he put over the riot hit, "Just for Tonight." Several days after the show they were singing and whistling it—Just for Tonight. The bouquets are yours, "Dock." Not the world-famed Caruso, but our favorite tenor singer, Mr. Louie Thomas, certainly furnished the audience a rare treat by rendering a tenor solo, "While the River of Love Flows On." By special request, Mr. Arthur Wade creditably sang the grand old song, "When You and I were Young, Maggie." The minute attention of the house was given Mr. Wade while he so sentimentally and melodiously sang the favorite of the past and present. The Mississippi Cabaret by the entire company, concluded the first part. Olio—Monologue, Woman's Tongue, by Mr. W. C. Buford, was taking. Wm. Diggs and J. A. Buford certainly sketched their sketch. The Symphony quartet, Wade, Thomas, Shannon and Agester, was as sweet as sugar. After-piece—The Lime Kiln Klub. Pres. Gardner, Judge Egester, Samuel Shin, J. A. Buford, Elder Toots, Jas. Steeple, Janitor Beaubox, Rube Merriweather. Judge Cadaver, Dr. Nelson. Hon. Pokerdemus White, Will Diggs. Romeo Phillphlapp, W. C. Buford. Dr. Higginbotham, R. J. Shannon. Sister Penstock, Bud Williams. This after-piece was a scream. Sir Knight Thomas Waugh, boss ticket seller. Management—Col. S. H. George and Sergeant General V. J. Davis. Miss Ida Mae Baker pianist. — Refreshments were served by ladies of the three Courts of Calanthe. "On to Columbus!" is the word. — Recently, Mrs. Lue Futrell, 7th and Trimble streets, fell on a broken doorstep and received a bad scar by striking a nail. She is improving at this writing. — Thursday night, the 29th, Mrs. Will Campbell entertained at her residence, 720 Clark street, in honor of her thirty-first birthday. A goodly number of her friends enjoyed themselves highly. Dainty dishes were served. Blue and white decorations were used. A miniature ship placed on a mirror, which represented water, surrounded by pretty flowers, was seen on the dining table and added a novelty to the affair. — Mr. and Mrs. David Silas recently made a short visit to Jackson, Tenn.

NEW BRANCH FORMED.

Julien Lewis Makes Good—Other News of the Twin Cities.

(By Z. L. Breedlove.)

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—(Special)—Miss Kathryn M. Johnson, field agent for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, organized a branch of that society at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church on Tuesday evening.

"The Old Abolition and the New," was the subject which Miss Johnson chose, and so well was it handled that at its conclusion twenty-seven persons subscribed to the constitution and became members. The following officers were chosen to serve until the regular election in November: President, Dr. H. E. Rowan; vice-president, Mrs. H. J. Wells; secretary, Mrs. I. B. Thompson; assistant secretary, F. K. Lewis; treasurer, A. R. Lee. Rev. H. W. Jameson, H. H. Wheeler, W. J. Prince, Mrs. L. E. Jameson, Mrs. L. A. Riley, Mrs. Daisy D. Patterson were elected to serve on the executive board. The suppression of vice and crime, equal opportunity and fair play, are some of the objects sought by the association. Some of the prominent white people of the Twin Cities joined, among them being Eugene Davenport and Dean Margaret J. Kyle, of the University of Illinois. The following are members of the local branch: C. W. Taylor, F. Skelton, F. K. Lewis, Z. L. Breedlove, Nathan Dyer, H. E. Stevens, E. A. Wells, Mrs. Mattie Dixon, Mrs. S. L. Edwards, Mrs. Queen M. Penny, Mrs. F. N. Brown and Mrs. Emma Patterson. I appeal to the members of this organization to stand together, lay aside your petty envious jealousy and stick together. By so doing we can accomplish something. Put Champaign on the map as one of the places that do things.

Word was received at this office of the success that Mr. Lewis is having. The University of Chicago will soon confer the degree of doctor of philosophy upon Julian Lewis, who is but 23 years of age. Mr. Lewis has already received a degree of master of arts from the University of Illinois. His specialty is pathology. He is said to have recently made some important scientific discoveries. Great things are being expected from this young man by the members of the University. Mr. Lewis was awarded some time ago, the second annual Howard Rickett prize of $250 by the medical faculty of the University of Chicago for original research work in the department of pathology.

The Champaign Giants are making good. They have played six games and have won them all. The line-up is as follows: Catcher, George Cox; pitcher, Emerson; shortstop, Ernest Hite; first base, Leroy Jones; second base, Clyde Barnett; third base, Altrice Yarbor; center field, Allie Thomas; right field, Fay Martin; left field, A. G. Fuqua; captain, Clyde Barnett; manager, Leroy Jones.

Mr. Earl Mann was recently granted a fellowship in the American School of Correspondence, located in Chicago. Mr. Mann has recently purchased the residence located at 602 East White street, which he occupies at the present. It is located in a white neighborhood.

The Recorder, a paper devoted to the work of the international organization of Knights Templars, contains in its current issue an article by Mr. Albert R. Lee, Grand Commander of the order of Illinois. The article relates to the National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1916, when the Illinois commandery will be host.

The subject of the morning sermon at the A. M. E. church, by Rev. Jameson, was "Our Contribution to World Betterment." In the afternoon the pastor delivered the annual sermon to the Knights of Pythias and Ladies' Courts of Decatur, Danville, Westville and Champaign. The turn-out was very well conducted. About 500 people heard the sermon. The Pilgrim Knights First Regiment Band of Danville led the parade. A large number of the members of the order turned out. Among the prominent guests were Doctor and Mrs. H. C. Buster and Mr. Stewart, of Decatur, who drove over in their five-passenger automobiles.

Salem Baptist church: Rev. J. M. Owens took as his morning subject, "A Fixed Heart." A communion service in the afternoon was conducted by the pastor. The pastor spoke on "Future Punishment" in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Payne, of Sidney, visited Mrs. Carrie Lee at her residence, 701 South Wright street.

The C. M. E. church will have a brick shower beginning May 10th and will close May 15th. Everyone is asked to bring a brick.

Mrs. Carrie Lee was elected organist of the Salem Baptist church recently.

PULLER AND TROTTER ACQUITTED ON BIRTH OF A NATION RIOT.

BOSTON, Mass., May 4—(Special)—The trials of Rev. Aaron W. Puller and Editor Wm. Monroe Trotter, secretary of the National Independent Equal Rights League on the charges of inciting a riot and disturbing the peace, in the fight against Tom Dixon's "Birth of a Nation" photo-play, closed this afternoon after four days' trial. Both men were acquitted and Judge John G. Brackett, son of the equal-rights champion, ex-Governor J. Q. A. Brackett, declared from the bench that the two persons responsible for the near-riot were the policemen in plain clothes, Denis Harrington, who punched Mr. Trotter in the jaw, and especially the ticket-seller, Mr. Sheehan, who drew the color line on tickets.

Judge Brackett denounced in severe terms the color discrimination in selling to white people when they stopped selling tickets at the approach of a number of colored people in the lobby. He said this was contrary to the equal-rights law of Massachusetts and was entirely wrong. He praised the colored people as good citizens; said they were entitled to justice and equality. He criticized Mr. Trotter for not leading the people away even though their rights were being denied. He praised the conduct of the large colored audiences present at the trials.

Editor Trotter was found guilty of assault upon an officer, fined and appealed the case, as he is innocent. Colored Boston rejoices in the victory. E. P. Benjamin and C. G. Morgan were the lawyers.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED—STRICKLAND-TURNER—

Greenville, Tex.

Mrs. Freeman Barton is convalescing this week. — Mrs. L. D. Smith, of Boley, Okla., is in the city and has opened up a manicure and hair dressing parlor at the residence of Mr. Walter Deadman, on East Morse street. — Dr. C. C. Richardson, of Jefferson, Texas, was in the city last week prospecting for a location. He was very much impressed with Greenville, and probabilities are he will locate here in June. We welcome Dr. Richardson to the city. — The Clark Street Christian church is building a pavillion 90 by 100. — Mr. Earl Gatlen, while working on "the big shed" at the New Compress last week, was accidentaly struck on the head by a piece of timber, which made a very ugly wound which required several stitches. — The 19th of June will be celebrated at the Hunt County Fair Grounds, two days, 18th and 19th, by the Clark Street Christian church and the C. M. E. Methodist church. Watch for the program. — Mrs. Minnie Drivalle, who was called to Royse on account of her brother's illness, has returned home. He is much improved. — The Silver Leaf Club met at the residence of Miss Jenetta Williams Wednesday evening. After the business session, dainty refreshments were served. The club adjourned to meet May 5th, with Miss Blanche Allen, on South Bois Daic street. — Last Thursday night was the scene of a very brilliant wedding at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. T. W. Pratt seated herself at the piano and began playing "Mendelssohn's Wedding March" in a very impressive manner. The eyes of the expectant audience were soon greeted with the appearance of Miss Z. N. Vance, who, arrayed in an imported gown of woolback satin, gorgeously trimmed with crystal beads, and carrying a large boquet of calla lillies, marched up the aisle and took her place and sang tenderly "Changeless." The music again changed to the familiar wedding march and the girls of the Silver Leaf Club marched up the aisle arrayed in charming dresses of white, blue and yellow and wearing the club colors, gold and white. As soon as they reached their places Miss Vance began singing "Write My Name in Your Heart," and the club girls promptly responded with the chorus. Their voices blended in rich harmony with mellow accompaniment. The wedding march was then resumed and the bridal party, the best man and bridesmaid, maids of honor with their partners, marched up opposite aisles. The men were attired in full dress suits and the maids wore white dresses of embroidered net and messaline. The groom, accompanied by a friend, marched up the east aisle, while the bride, attired in a gown of white silk crepe de chine over white messaline caught up by white sprays of lily of the valley, marched up the opposite aisle, leaning on the arm of her cousin, Wm. MacDaniels. The bride's veil was draped with lilies of the valley. Her slippers of white canvas were trimmed with shinestone buckles. The nuptials were solemnly performed by Rev. Bartlett, brother-in-law of the bride's mother. The esteem and good favor in which the bride and groom are held was attested by the large audience of whites as well as colored friends who filled New Hope Baptist church long before the hour of the marriage. Many were unable to obtain seats and had to content themselves with observing from their vehicles outside. The invited guests repaired to the home and were served to delightful punch, cake and brick ice cream with red heart centers. The cream was the gift of The Reeves Bottling Company. A further attestation of the love of friends was the large number of beautiful gifts, including several valuable ones from some leading white citizens. — The Anslan All-Star Musical Comedy Company closes a three weeks' engagement at the Pastime Theatre and will leave Sunday to open at Paris, Texas. This is one of the best all-round companies ever played at the Pastime. — Freeman on sale every Saturday at the Pastime. W. D. Pratt, reporter.

NEWS OF SHREVEPORT, LA.

Special to The Freeman.

Rattlesnake Kid and Young Joe Gans were battling vigorously in a scheduled 15-round bout Tuesday night, April 27, at Palace Park Athletic Club, when a sudden rainstorm came over and the fight had to be called off in the eleventh round. Nine rounds were in Young Gan's favor, who showed he was a clean fighter and gentleman and is well liked by the fans who were all anxious to see these two distinguished lightweights finish their bout. They have been re-engaged and the finish will be seen in a few weeks.— Mr. Douglas Williams is doing nice work with his C melody saxaphone playing cello parts with the Echo Orchestra. — Little Jack Hines made good with the Caddo Band as bass drummer on his first engagement May 2 in Linzburg, La. He is so sensational that we named him "Young Whitney Viney." He is also a nice trap drummer with the Eagle Orchestra. — Owing to Mr. Henry L. Jackson's position as pianist at the Star Theatre, he can not fulfill out-of-town engagements with the Caddo Brass Band as bass drummer. — Mrs. Annie Potter has been on the sick list, but is up again and able to go shopping.

STREATOR, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Mr. Howard Garrison and wife of Lenor, Ill., were in town today. — Mr. J. D. Dilinger was home over Sunday. — Mr. Clyde Wood, of North Chillicothe, Ill., was a visitor to Streator Sunday. — Miss Hellena Foster and Miss Ida B. Simmons were among the guests at the tea party last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill.—Get The Freeman at Simmons' shop, 6611 East Main street. He's always got 'em.

UMBRIANS INVITED TO MILWAUKEE!

Chicago's Famous Male Club to Sing in the Monster Coliseum in the "Brewery City" Decoration Day.

STUDENTS "MAKING GOOD" AT ART INSTITUTE

A New Company has Been Formed for the Famous 8th Regiment, Headed by Capt. W. D. Holmes—Marriage of David Peyton and Miss Gerdena Dawson—Rev. T. A. Smith Very Ill—Free Recitals at the Y. M. C. A. Closes on the 13th—New Lodge Named in Honor of the Late John C. Buckner.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

Freeman Bureau, 3000 South State St., Phone, Douglass 8058, Automatic 75-233.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 5—(Special)—The Umbrian Glee Club, Chicago's leading male club of singers, will make a trip to Milwaukee, Wis., on Decoration Day. They will sing in one of the largest coliseums in the United States. They will be assisted by Mme. Anita Patti Brown, the famous coloratura soprano soloist; Miss Delphia Boger, the favorite contralto direct from Orangeburg, S. C.; Mr. W. M. Hann, our only operatic basso; Mr. W. E. Gossett, the greatest organist in the west; Prof. Theo Taylor, everybody's favorite pianist, and Miss M. Albert Booker, pianist, Little Rock, Ark. Lovers of music and friends of the Umbrians are invited to accompany them to Milwaukee. The fare is one dollar and a half round trip from Evanston, which includes admission to the concert. Special train will leave on Decoration Day from Evanston at 1:30 and return the same night after the concert. All desiring to go can send names and addresses to Mr. Charles Pierce, assistant secretary, Y. M. C. A., or phone Douglass 6620 or give same to any member of the club. The club, under the direction of Mr. R. C. Kelly, are having special rehearsals for the affair. The people of Milwaukee are preparing to give the club and visitors a big reception. It will be a fine outing and a musical pleasure. Remember the date, Decoration Day, a holiday.

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Students at the Art Institute.

Quite a number of students are "making good" at the Art Institute. Two of the most advanced students are Messrs. Charles C. Dawson and William M. Farrell. They are in the advance painting and drawing classes. June 13 to July 13 the Annual Students' Exhibition League will be held. Duringthe year of 1915, Mr. Dawson had exhibited all the year one of his drawings in black and white studies. Mr. William Scott is from this school and instructors regard him as one of the most brilliant scholars to graduate from this institution. Misses Pauline Parker and Aurelia Ward are in the night classes; Claudius A. Bell, in the art department; Caroline Craig, normal department; Daisy Patton, Georgia Osby and Archibold Motley are making wonderful progress. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays are free days.

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Charles Davis' Purchases Property.

Mr. Charles H. Davis, an employe at the postoffice, a member of the executive staff of the Y. M. C. A., and one of Chicago's best citizens, bought a piece of property at 4506 Forestville avenue last week, which was in a most exclusive neighborhood, many wealthy people residing in that block. Mr. Davis purchased the property through Mr. Jesse Binga, the real estate dealer and banker. Efforts were made after it was learned that Mr. Davis was a colored man to keep him from taking charge of his home. It is said that Mr. Davis paid $5,000 cash for the home. At any rate, he is determined to live there or sell the property for twice as much as he paid for it. Several prospective buyers looked at the house the first of the week. However if Mr. Davis cares to occupy his new home, the law in Chicago and the state of Illinois gives him perfect right.

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Free Recital Closes May 13.

Thursday evening, May 13, the free recitals at the Wabash Avenue Association will come to a close. Mr. Carey B. Lewis, the manager, has secured Mrs. Florence Cole Talbert, lyric soprano; Mrs. Mary Oddrick, Coloratura soprano; Miss Majorie Gaskill, pianist; Miss Frances Spencer, harpist; Miss Irene Howard, cornetist; Prof. W. L. Jackson, violinist; accompanists, Mrs. Penella B. Jackson and M. Pierre de Caillaux. This perhaps is the biggest program yet given at these recitals. This one will be held in the gymnasium. The public is cordially invited to be present on this occasion.

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Last Big Musical Down Town.

The last big musical on the "loop district" will be May 28, at Central Music Hall, 66 East Van Buren street. Mrs. Willa Todd Sloan will be the soloist, and Mr. Carl Diton, pianist. The musical is under the auspices of the Coleridge Taylor Club. The accompanists will be Miss Nannie Strayhorn and Walter E. Gossett. Tickets are now on sale for the concert.

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Will Marion Cook Improved.

Reports have reached here that Mr. Will Marion Cook, who was in the city a few weeks ago but had to be removed to his mother at Washington, D. C., is greatly improved. Mr. Cook gave out a lengthy interview to the writer on "Afro-American Music and Musicians," which has been widely read.

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Mr. J. B. Daughtry Dead.

Mr. J. H. Daughtry, 6614 Langly avenue, died Saturday at his home and was buried on Tuesday. Mr. Daughtry was a high Mason, his membership being at Kansas City, Mo., his former home. He leaves a wife and daughter. His daughter, Mrs. Lenoa Daughtry Chandlier, is one of Chicago's popular young matrons. Mrs. Mary Williams, sister of Mrs. Daughtry, Warrensburg, Mo.; Mrs. Helen McPhetridge, cousin of Mr. Daughtry, Peoria, Ill., and Mrs. Pearl Chauteau Stewart, Kansas City, Mo., attended the funeral. The remains were buried in Oakwood cemetery.

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Howard P. Drew on Short Stay.

Howard P. Drew, world's champion runner, who has been in the east representing the California University, was in the city for a few hours last week and stopped at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Drew is a fine fellow, possesses a pleasing personality and very intelligent. The boys were very proud to see him and hear how he 'brought home the bacon" for the race.

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Miss Gerdena Dawson Marries Dave Peyton.

Miss Gerdena Dawson, one of Paducah's most charming young girls, and Mr. Dave Peyton were happily married on last Saturday, May 1, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stewart, 3600 Wabash avenue, the Rev. Gray officiating. May 10 they will be in their new home, 21 East 36th street. Mr. Peyton is director of the Grand Orchestra, the Grand Symphony Orchestra, composer and music arranger. For years he conducted his business on the Southside, but a few months ago his business became so heavy that he moved into the "loop district" and is in one of the best offices in that section working continuously for big acts and singers. Mr. and Mrs. Peyton are receiving congratulations from their many friends, wishing them many happy days of married life.

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Miss Anderson Guest of Mrs. Willis.

Miss Anderson, of Pittsburg, Penn., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Addie M. Willis, 5418 Dearborn street. Miss Anderson will visit for a week at South Bend, Ind., and upon her return to Chicago, will spend several weeks.

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Mr. J. D. Stevenson Here.

Mr. J. D. Stevenson, who has charge of the Y. M. C. A. work at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, was in the city last week and stopped at the Wabash Avenue Association. He was en route to Tuskegee after spending several months in the west in the interest of Tuskeegee Institute.

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Rev. T. A. Smythe Very Ill.

The citizens of Indianapolis, Ind., as well as Chicago, are pained to learn of the serious illness of the Rev. T. A. Smythe, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, and formerly pastor of the leading church in Indianapolis and Detroit. Rev. Smythe has been failing for some months and a few weeks ago, in company with his physician, was to go to Atlantic City. Dr. Midian Bousfield thought the trip would help him, but a day before going he became very ill. It is said that the diagnosis was a cancer of the stomach. His doctor and nurse are doing all in their power to better his physical condition. Through the strenuous efforts of Dr. Roberts and Dr. Smythe, Bethel has overflow meetings every Sunday morning. Dr. Smythe and Prof. James A. Munday are the founders of the Pleasant Sunday Afternoons that are held once a month and have been such a big success in Chicago.

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New Company for Eighth Regiment.

There is another new company for the Eighth Regiment. Company G will be the new company to march down Michigan avenue Decoration Day with the Eighth Regiment. It is headed by Captain Wadsworth D. Holmes, First Lieut. Charles S. Duise, Second Lieut. Joseph D. Warner, First Sergt. Benote Lee, Quartermaster Sergt. Ernest Hill. One of the best known men in the company and in the regiment is Sergt. Benote Lee. He is the son of Mrs. Henriette P. Lee and nephew of Mrs. Jennie E. Lewis and brother of Mrs. Jennie Wimp, Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Lee was taken to camp in 1901 by Dr. W. T. Jefferson and has been going ever since. His rise has been watched by all the officers of the regiment and some day we expect to see him Captain Benote Lee.

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New John C. Buckner Lodge.

A new lodge named after the late John C. Buckner was initiated by the Golden Fleece Lodge on last Thursday night. Past District Grand Master Byrd performed the ceremonies. The officers are as follows: Joseph Bennett, P. N. F.; Charles H. Seals, N. F.; David J. Knighten, P. N. G.; A. F. Tervalon, N. G.; A. L. Shannon, V. G.; Joseph Gillespie, W. T.; Harry Biggs, advocate; Henry Miller, W. C.; J. Hockley Smiley, E. S.; Stuart Gowler, P. G.; E. R. Hester, warden; Carvin Jackson, Henry Miller, chaplains. The writer was made a member. The Odd Fellows will hold their annual sermon on next Sunday at Eighth Regiment Armory.

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Chatteau Ready for the Garden.

The Chatteau Cafe, 35th and Grand boulevard, has made ample improvements for its patrons to go in the garden. Already several warm evenings have been so inviting that the manager has invited guests in the garden which is one of the prettiest spots on the Southside. Mr. H. H. Boger has the only open air garden in the city and last summer proved to be the best place in the city for amusement and entertainment.

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Annual Banquet at the "Y."

The press of Chicago will have a special table at the annual banquet at the Wabash Avenue Association, May 20, at which time Mr. Alexander Jackson, the new secretary, will be formally introduced to all the members and friends of the institution. Plans for the banquet are now in the hands of the secretary.

STREATOR, ILL.

Agnes Moody Chapter No. 59, O. E. S., gave a social at the Second Baptist church, followed by a good musical program. — J. W. Baberson has been laid up for the last two weeks with lumbago.

Get in The Freeman contest. Read instructions elsewhere in this issue.

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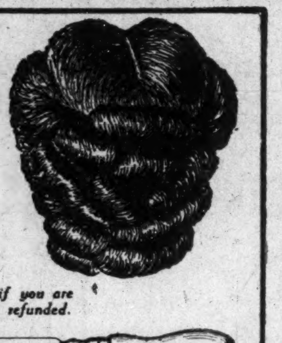

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News of the Nation's Metropolis

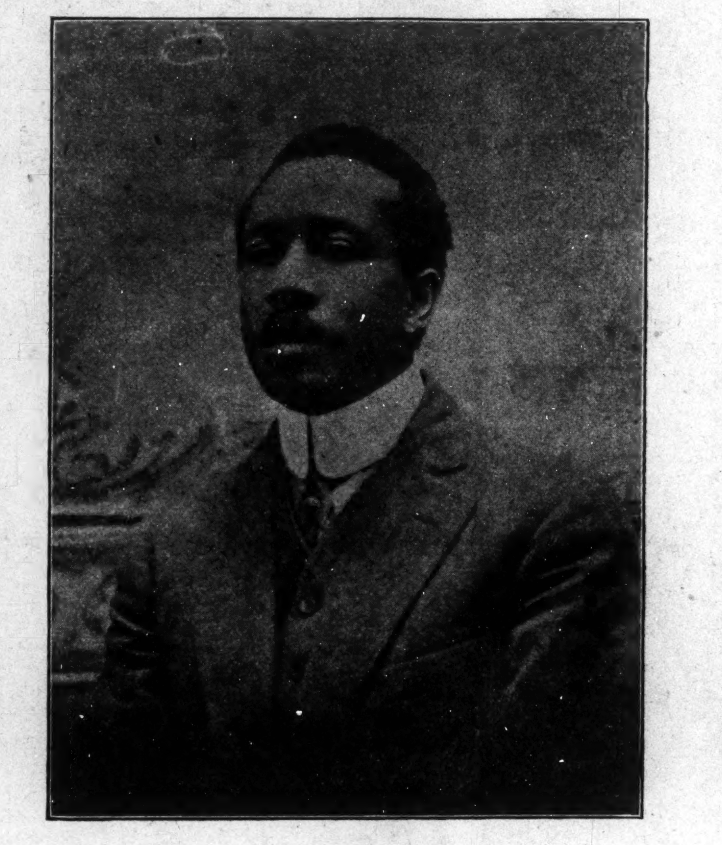
A Noted Negro Composer—Prof. H. Lawrence Freeman Has Written Many Operas—Conducts a Music School Here—Booker T. Washington Coming—Educator Will Study New York Negro in Tour of the City—Hampton Holds Forty-seventh Anniversary — Ex-President Taft Speaks—Miss Nannie Burroughs Speaks at St. Mark's Lyceum—Freeman Correspondent Off to Attend New Jersey Conference—Hon. Charles W. Anderson Addresses B. Y. P. U.

Allen's National News Bureau,
252 West 53d Street.

NEW YORK CITY, April 26.—One of the most gifted Negro musicians and composers of the race, and one who has made a pronounced place in the musical life of America, is Prof. H. Lawrence Freeman of this city. Prof. Freeman has been well trained for his life's work, and it may be safe in saying that there are few men in the profession who have won a more distinct place in American music than he.

As a composer, he perhaps stands in the front rank, and has doubtless more serious productions to his credit than any other Negro composer. He has a wide experience, and is a noted figure in the musical life of this city. Your correspondent called on the young composer at his studio, 126 West 136th street, last week, and found him busy making preparations for the many pupils he has. He conducts the Freeman School of Music where a thorough musical education, both vocal and instrumental may be acquired. The school has become one of the most reliable in this city, and is doing much to develop the musical aspiration of the young people of the neighborhood.

In talking to your correspondent, Prof. Freeman stated that he was now making preparation to begin rehearsal for the reproduction of his first opera, "The Martyr," which was produced in Denver, Col., at the German theatre by a Negro company several years ago. In presenting this opera Prof. Freeman stated that it was his purpose to educate the race up the level of the opera and the best in music. Prof. Freeman was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools of that city. The background of his profession, consisting of composition, theory and orchestration, was received under the tutelage of Jonborn Beck, director of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. He studied the piano under Edwin Schoneart. He began his musical career in Cleveland as an organist at the Mt. Zion Congregational church where he remained for five years. In 1892 he produced the first Negro opera with a Negro company in the city of Denver, and from that date his rise in the musical world. In 1902 he was called to Wilberforce University where he remained two years. While at this institution, Prof. Freeman brought about a renassiance in the musical life of the school, and made a study of Africal music. He was assisted in this work by a number of African students who were then at the university. In 1905 he took charge of the musncay end of the Ernest Hogan Rufus Rastus Company, and did much to keep this side of the show's work up to a high standard. He then became the conductor of the Red Moon Company, and the splendid work he did in developing the musical chorus of this famous troupe easily placed him in the forefront of American conductors. A feature of his work which revealed the finesse of his training while with the Red Moon Company was the Lilley Sextette, in which appeared the most gifted singers of the race, among them being Anna Cooke Pankey, George Harvey, Henry Troy and J. Francis Morris. As a composer Prof. Freeman has devoted himself to the more serious productions, and his compositions, many of them based on Negro life and traditions, will live long after the composer is gone.



PROF. H. LAWRENCE FREEMAN

His grand opera numbers include a wide repertoire, among them are "Lives of Pompey" (song cycle), "The Wolfe," "The Plantation," "Tryst," "Vendetta," "African Krall," and "Yazoo River." These numbers bring out the fine musical background of the composer and have won the praise of the ablest musical critics. Prof. Freeman retired from the theatrical career several years ago, and is devoting himself to the musical education of his race. He told your correspondent that he would spend the rest of his life developing musical aspiration of the young of his race, and that he aimed to make The Freeman School of Music a distinct credit to the Negro life of this city. He is one of the most popular music teachers in this city, and gives over a one hundred and fifty lessons a week.

Several months ago he organized The Negro Choral Society which consists of 75 voices. This organization has already won favor with the New York public, and had the distinction of singing at the municipal Christmas tree in Madison Square Garden two years ago. Some of the most prominent people of both races were present at this exercise, and the appearanc of these Negro singers was easily the feature of the exercise. Prof. Freeman is ably assisted in his work by his cultured young wife, Mrs. Carlotta Freeman, who is one of the most gifted singers of the race. They have one son, Valdo, who possesses a beautiful voice ,and who is an adept on the violin. Prof. Freeman is a cultured young man, and the many honors he has won and the success he has made he takes as a synomyn for harder work.

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Booker T. Coming.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, the noted educator, is scheduled for four addresses in this city Sunday afternoon, May 14, when he will speak under the auspices of the National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes.

The addresses which will occur in various districts of the city where members of the race live in large numbers, have been arranged primarily to give Dr. Washington an opportunity to make a study of the conditions surrounding Negroes in their neighborhood life. The educator has spoken often in this city, but at no time during his long coming to this city has the edicator been compelled to speak at more than one meeting. It is believed that Dr. Washington will make a close study of the neighborhoods in which he will speak and will doubtless recommend to the Urban League anything that may conduce to better economic livings. Dr. Washington will be speaking the entire day he is in this city, and his itinerary will include Union Baptist church, Palace Casino at 135th stret and Madison avenue, at meeting for the Y. M. C. A., at Abbysinia Baptist church in West Fortieth street, and in the evening at Concord Baptist church in Brooklyn. The city is watching with keen interest the coming of Dr. Washington on this unique pilgrimage.

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Hampton Holds Anniversary.

One of the most interesting events in the life of Hampton Institute is its anniversary week, which is looked forward to on the part of the students and friends of the school with keen interest. Last week the institution held its forty-seventh anniversary of Hampton and information reached this bureau that it was one of the most notable held since the institution began. As usual a large number of visitors both from the North and the South were present, and made the usual inspection of the grounds and workings of the institution. The visitors were entertained and instructed and had Hampton instruction demonstrated to them by members of the graduating class, who made addresses preceding those of the regular speakers. Alexander B. Trowbridge of this city, and president of the National Hampton Association, carried from interested in the work of Hampton. Among the speakers were ex-president Taft, who praised Hampton for the constructive work it is doing and its fine contribution to American development. Others who spoke were Rev. Dr. W. T. Merrill, Eben Olcott, Julius Rosenwald, Francis G. Peabody, W. S. Melton, Dr. Henry Slonae Coffin and Job E. Hedges.

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Miss Nannie Burroughs Speaks.

Miss Nannie Burroughs, president of the National Training School at Washington, and one of the few women of the race who have won national fame and honor, spoke in this city last Sunday afternoon at St. Mark's Lyceum. A large audience was present, who applauded her thrilling address throughout. Miss Burroughs spoke on "The Challenge of the Hour" and the burden of her address was an admonition to the race to prepare itself for the battles that still await it. She said that the only thing that would help us to win would be physical, moral and intellectual fitness. In the course of her address she said: "There are a great many people who are satisfied with their position and station in life, and with the old ways and methods of doing things. The time has come when we must do away with the old ways and adopt new methods. Our churches must keep pace with this progress also, and not be contented with having the old time religion. I believe in having the old time religion hitched up to new conditions." Miss Burroughs urged her hearers to accept this challenge which America is presenting to the Negro, and closed her address by telling of an old man in Kentucky who shouted to a colored jockey on the race track, "Don't let 'em left you."

Miss Burroughs said that was her advice to her race, "Don't let 'em left you."

Miss Burroughs is a remarkable woman. Five years ago she established a training school for girls in Washington. The work was practically unknown, but today the institution is valued at $$60,000, and has students from 26 states and five foreign countries. Miss Burroughs in talking to your correspondent, said she was enroute to Albany, the guest of white women's organization.

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Correspondent Off to Attend Conference.

Cleveland G. Allen, the newspaper correspondent, will leave the city on Wednesday for Somerville, New Jersey, where he goes to attend the forty-second annual session of the New Jersey conference of which Bishop G. W. Clinton is the head. For the past years Mr. Allen has covered this conference of this connection meeting in this section and he is well known to the men. This is one of the most important conferences of the Zion connection, and this year there will be many vital matters to engage the attention of the conference. Your correspondent will return to his post next week, and will then map out his itinerary for the summer. While at conference he will represent the Indianapolis Freeman by securing subscriptions.

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Hon. Charles W. Anderson Speaks.

Hon. Charles W. Anderson, who was appointed ten years ago to the responsible post of collector of internal revenue for the wealthiest district, and for that number of years held the office with honor and success, spoke before the Young People's Society of Mt. Olivet Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. One of the largest gatherings in the history of the church was present and heard Mr. Anderson narrate his experiences during his long term of office. He said that he was glad he made a success, not so much for himself as for the race he represented. He told how he brought the office up from the fifth in the list to the first, and said that when he left the office it was first in point of efficiency. In telling of some of the things that he did while in office he said he left in office two colored deputies getting $1,600 a year, two deputies getting $1,400 a year, and two getting $1,200, a colored woman stenographer at $1,200 and a colored messenger receiving $700 a year. The distinct service Mr. Anderson has rendered his race will culminate in testimonials in which the most prominent men of this city are interested in the near future. Rev. Dr. Hayes presided at the exercises.

CLEVALAND G. ALLEN.

NEWS NOTES OF COLUMBUS, O.

(By B. H. Burnett.)

Mr. Carl Lee and Percy Jones write that they will soon close one of their most successful seasons of 12 years' experience with the Al. G. Fields minstrels. -- It was a crowded and overpacked house that witnessed the play entitled, "Under the Apple Tree," given for the benefit of Bethany Baptist church. The program was excellent and rendered an approval of much enjoyment. Miss Robison's names was a delight, while Mr. Forney's ability as a female impersonator was unsurpassed. -- Mrs. Hugh Mays, of North Fourth street, has been very ill for some time. -- Mrs. Dempsy, who is employed in the lunchroom at North High School, who has been sick, is able to be out again. -- Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Snelson, of Mt. Vernon A. M. E. church, drove through the country from Columbus to Circleville to attend the A. M. E. quarterly conference, which was in session there this week. -- The feed store and coal yard and express business formerly owned by N. H. Caldwell, at 626 East Long street, is now owned and operated by C. E. Dickenson, a well known and thriving young man of our city. -- Mr. Caldwell has secured 270 acres of rich fertile soil in Moral county, Ohio, where he intends to make his future home. -- Mr. S. T. Brown, of 200 1-2 Mt. Vernon, who was thrown from a street car some time ago and received several injuries, is improving nicely. -- Rev. Singleton, of Louisville, Ky., spoke at the Eleventh Street M. E. church Sunday in behalf of the Home Finding Society for colored children, of which he is interested. -- Mr. George Hopson, No. 683 Capitol street, has been very sick for some time. -- Mrs. A. W. Knox, of 1530 Rosethorn street, who has been sick for some time, is much improved. -- The Ladies' Aid society No. 2 met at the residence of Mrs. Katherine Tindull, 216 North Cleveland avenue, last week. Mothers' day will be held the second Sunday in May at Rev. Percelly's church, Main and Porson street. -- The Eleventh Street Choir, under the management of Mrs. Tindull, has been selected to entertain the K. of P.'s during their annual sermon, which is to be held at Memorial hall in May. -- Mrs. Mollie Williams, of 152 North Fifth street, is now confined in the hospital and is very sick. -- A grand Cinderella drill will be given at Eleventh Street A. M. E. church under the auspices of the Brotherhood, May 7th. John Finch, chairman; A. W. Knox, secretary. -- Miss Lillian Harmon, who sang at the W. W. Lyceum of Shiloh Baptist church Monday night made a surprising hit. -- Mrs. Pears Schaffers, who has been confined in the hospital for some time, is reported much better. -- Mr. William Hale, of London, O., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale, in West Lane avenue Sunday. --The colored people of Columbus, O., now have the pleasure of reading a magazine of their own known as the "Mentor," published every month by A. M. Chavous, 207 North Garfield avenue. It is a magazine of racial inspiration, encouragement and uplift. This pictorial magazine will give to the public every detail of business owned and conducted and operâted by colored people throughout the country. -- Rev. H. J. Stocks, who has accepted a call to Chillicothe, Ohio, preached his farewell sermon to a large and enthusiastic crowd Sunday. -- Mr. James Olms, who attended the funeral of his mother in East Liverpool, Ohio, is home again. -- The mayoralty bees are flying in all directions. They are harmless now, but, oh you by and by. Be careful you don't get stung. -- All the colored base ball news of Columbus and elsewhere will be found in The Freeman this season. -- Mrs. Anna Good, of Eleventh street, who has been confined for some time, is reported improving nicely.

EARLINGTON, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

The members of C. M. E. church were very much encouraged after having Rev. E. H. Hall, of Elkton, Ky., several nights recently preaching some powerful sermons. He preached his closing sermon Sunday night, April 25th. Elder L. F. Howard, of Hopkinsville, preached at 11 a. m. -- Mr. W. M. (Johnson) Brown died Saturday, April 24th, at Evansville, Ind. He was a sufferer of tuberculosis. He is a brother of Mrs. James Johnson, and an uncle of Bennie Johnson, Mrs. Nannie King and Luther Smith, who joined in the number here Monday night to see his remains laid to rest at Bethpage, Tenn. -- A card of correction: It was reported here last week that Mrs. Almeta Bell's brother, Daniel Johnson, of Louisville, Ky., died and would be buried at Guthrie. The latest reports from Mrs. Bell were that he was getting along nicely, and she thinks he will be able to be moved to Guthrie, Ky., soon. -- The Baptist church had a baptising Sunday afternoon, and several were baptized. -- The Live Wire club met at the residence of Mrs. H. B. Tomas Friday afternoon, April 23, and were delightfully entertained at luncheon. -- Our visitors in the city are too numerous to mention, however, we mention a few among them were Mrs. Gray, of Princeton, Ky., a guest of her son, Mr. David Gray; Mrs. Dinkid Merriwethers, of Guthrie, was the guest of her son, Mr. Willard Merriwethers. -- Prof. W. S. Tompson, of Columbia, Tenn., was in the city last week cleaning and tuning pianos and reported a nice patronage among the Earlington people. -- Read The Freeman, Wm. Sisk, agent.

LOYAL NEIGHBORS START WORLD WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR 5,000 NEW MEMBERS.

Special to The Freeman.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—A systematic campaign has been started throughout the county by the supreme board of directors of the United Loyal Neighbors of the World. The initiation fee has been reduced by dispensation to only $1.60, and encouraging reports are being received from all parts of the county. The Louisville Camp No. 2 are planning for a special class initiation of 50 for Thursday, May 6. Deputies predict this number may be doubled. Vacancies are now open for several organizers. Address Supreme Office, 543 South 20th street, Louisville, Ky.

Special to The Freeman.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—The United Loyal Neighbors here all are rejoicing over the promotion of Rev. A. J. Jackson, district deputy to the office of commanding general of the military rank of U. L. N. of W. Gen. Jackson is arranging to organize a new military company at Montgomery in the near future.

EARLINGTON, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. McSebree left Wednesday, the 21st, for Nenasia, Ky., where he preached Sunday, the 25th, and Sunday night he preached at Pembroke, Ky. -- Mrs. Mary Lee Clark left Wednesday, April 21, for Nashville, Tenn., to visit her sister, who is sick.

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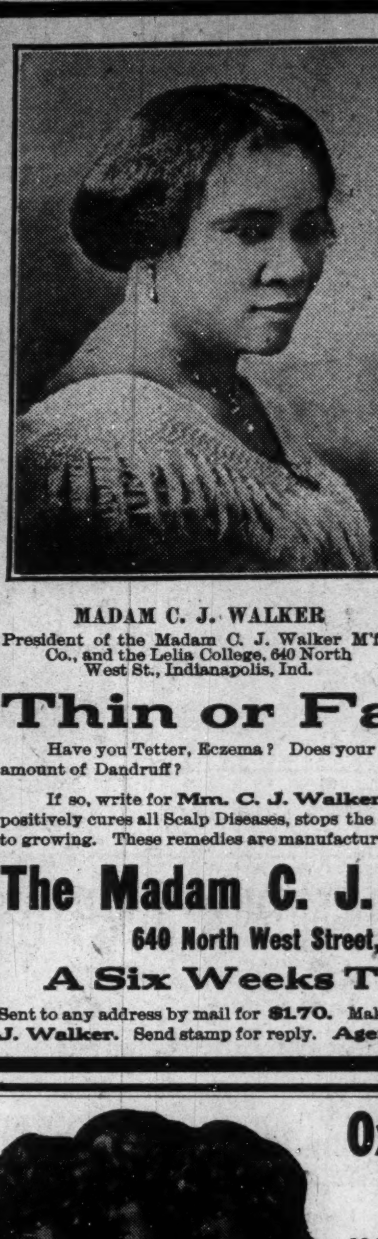

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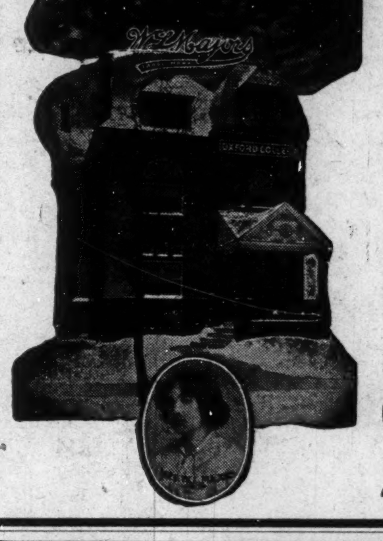

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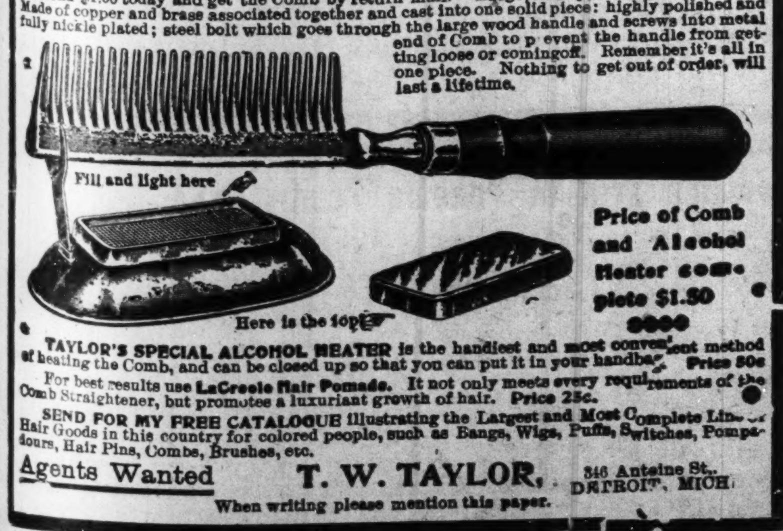

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DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS

(Freeman Headquarters, 2922 Cochran Street, Phone Haskell 6956. By Col. J. G. Griffin.)

The fathers, mothers, guardians and others interested in the public schools and Negro children, education and other causes of advancement for Negro children should be on the scene near the various schools campuses daily. They could learn a few things that will help hundreds of mothers who are daily struggling for their loved ones who are just wearing out time and books for their parents, by leaving home with the gang but never have a lesson gone over by a teacher for several days of each week.

Mrs. Berry Locus visited her mother's bedside at Marlin, the hot well city, and has returned home, and her mother is reported improving.

Mr. C. H. Lewis, of Memphis, Tenn., is here visiting his mother, Mrs. G. A. Hall, the founder of kindergarten school for tots in Dallas.

Mr. Sam Jones is in his old home, Shreveport, La.

Chief of the staff, Jas. Tolbert, of K. of P. regiment, is all smiles since dirt has been broken for the four-story temple, along with Gen. J. M. L. Jones, T. J. Bagby, Capt. George Murry, Capt. J. H. Jackson, Capt. J. Vaughn and all members of the K. of P. band and the three companies here. All in all it has caused a general rejoicing among all Pythians here and elsewhere and the race.

Now is the time to fix that bad sidewalk so the people can pass on it and not go into the street in front of your home.

Mrs. Ella B. Moore has secured the whole first regiment K. of P. band to give concerts on the Parklawn every night, where great crowds of strollers can find ease and rest between acts.

The remains of Mr. John Anderson were laid to rest by the officers and members of Mantone K. of P. lodge from the chapel of the Crawford & Co. undertakers, last Wednesday afternoon. Dr. S. E. J. Watson officiated. A host of his friends, black and white, did not forsake him as is too often the case at the last hour. They were with him to the very last and followed the remains to the cemetery, saw to it that nothing was left undone.

Our people are getting better here. Crime is being stamped out so well in Dallas these days until the officers are constantly kept on the hunt for old-time offenders as there is nothing doing these days, by the masses to be counted on as much and several of courts have been recessing for several days passed and the various court dockets will show that all of the crimes were not committed by the Afro-Americans. The various revivals have had their effect on those more or less responsible here and we pray it will continue.

Oil land is the attraction now with our people.

The continued rains and high waters over the state have caused the loss of several lines and property to our people and suffering is yet untold, that will run up into the thousands of dollars.

Tell your friends about the Freeman and its great mission to and for all.

The new officials will welcome you on business at the city municipal building.

There seems to be a great stir on among some of our people for recognition as to leadership that will be a hindrance to all, the great good that will come to the loyal Afro-Americans in this city if these petty jealousies are not stopped soon. Let the credit for success go to the whole people, as it should be and let the so-called would-be leaders get together and further the wishes of all the people for the people anl by the people interested here. Since success has come to our standard in a substantial way that all can see it, work but the harder to merit more and continue the same.

Mr. Henry Watts, a member in good standing of St. Luke No. 1, K. of P. lodge, was laid to rest last Sunday afternoon from Bethel A. M. E. church. Rev. Dr. Abbington, officiated. The officers and members and visiting K. of P., together with the First Regiment K. of P. band served as special escorts. The floral offerings were large.

Services were held over the remains of Mr. Clemon H. Hill at Eavenings Chapel C. M. E. church on last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Dr. Langford, pastor, officiating to a large number of friends and relatives. Mr. Hill had made it all right with God during his short illness and was ready and waiting. His wife, mother, three children, five brothers, three sisters and an uncle survive him.

The young men of Dallas showed their loyalty in a most appreciative way to the surviving ones of the deceased, and Mrs. Hill wishes to thank one and all for their many kind deeds and appreciations shown and for the most beautiful floral offerings presented.

A word to our people. Don't petition the different departments to death because you are promised a consideration at the hands of the new administration. Let all use common sense and act wisely.

Hon. J. T. Hill calls a laboring men's mass meeting every Sunday in the S. M. & T. hall, 3 to 5 o'clock.

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

"The Hour and the Needs" by Professor Gentry.

Mrs. Clara Clark, of Olive Hill, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Patterson, on Findley street. -- William Fox, formerly of this city, who now lives in Toledo, Ohio, will join the ball team of that city. He will play first base. -- Mr. Charles Durphy has some very fine fox terrier pups and they are some of the best marked ones in the city. -- Mr. Fitzgerald and daughter, of Huntington, W. Va., is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Gooden, of Waller street. -- The entertainment given by Club No. 4 of the Pleasant Green Baptist church, of which Mr. James Wood is present, met with good success and was enjoyed by all. -- -- The Afro-American League, with Pres. John W. Evans presiding, held an enthusiastic meeting at the A. I. U. hall. The Lewis band furnished excellent music, and J. Georgia sang a solo. The address of the evening was delivered by Prof. E. M. Gentry, of the Eleventh Street school, his subject being, "The Hour and the Needs." Confidence is the greatest asset of either an individual or a people. Confidence in one's self is secured either by experience or by a knowledge of their innate power. The American Negro has not had sufficient experience to give him such confidence. Hence he must rely upon a knowledge of his possibilities to create the needed confidence. The total Negro population of the United States is equivalent to that of eighteen of the less populous states of the Union. Nearly five times as great as were the American colonists when they threw off the British yoke in 1775. According to the last census report the value of farm property owned by Negroes has increased 177 per cent in ten years. One Negro in every ten is a farm operator. One Negro in every forty-five owns his own farm. In 1863 there were only twelve kinds of business in which Negroes were engaged. Today he is engaged in seventy-two kinds of business, among which may be mentioned fifty-seven banks and twenty-five insurance companies. There are some three hundred Negro business men's leagues lending encouragement and enthusiasm. The Negro's religious tendency is evidenced by the fact that he has forty thousand churches with property valued at seventy million dollars and over four million communicants. In the former slave states there are nearly two million pupils of school age requiring the services of over thirty thousand teachers. Over five hundred and forty other institutions devoted to secondary and higher education. This educational army reduced illiteracy in the race 14 per cent from 1900 to 1910. "All is not sunshine in the struggle of the race upward." Many discouragements are met with. Poor facilities for education in some sections of the country, various forms of disfranchisement, treatment accorded in many courts and the increasing tendency toward various forms of segregation may be mentioned as events which almost discourage the ambitious and deter the less courageous. Not withstanding these handicaps, let us have firm faith and confidence in our ability to win out. The race needs churches strong and powerful that can more fully reach the lives and hearts of men, a higher conception and appreciation of the importance of home life Better opportunities for education, not any particular kind of education, but education which prepares fully for citizenship in the most advanced civilization. To practice thrift and economy in the home and instill these all important virtues in the rising generation. To strive to keep our home and communities beautiful and sanitary, and to know that co-operation is the greatest word of today, and is our only hope and it (co-operation) should be our battle cry and watch word. -- The play given by the trustee aids of A. M. E. church, entitled "Aunt Maggie's Will," proved to be a grand success and was enjoyed by those present. All the characters played their part well. -- The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Davis, wife of Mr. Oliver Davis, 1135 Twelfth street, was conducted from Pleasant Green Baptist church Thursday, April 22, at 2:30. Undertaker Daehler was in charge. Mrs. Davis was born near Richmond, Va., and came to this city when but a child. She was married to Oliver Davis eight years ago. She and her husband both joined the Baptist church. Mrs. Davis was 36 years old. She died at her home Tuesday, April 20, at 4:45 p. m. When the funeral procession reached the church the order of Eastern Star, led by Matron Mrs. M. J. Staydfield, furnished a guard of honor as the cortage passed through the line to the altar, followed by the Order of Eastern Star. The choir sang, "Nearer My God to Thee." The pastor read psalms 23 and 39, and Rev. A. Haley offered prayer. Resolutions were read from the different church auxilliaries. The choir then sang "It Is Well with My Soul." The pastor, Rev. W. P. Chapman, delivered the sermon, using as his text, Phil. 1:21, "for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." A splendid tribute was paid to the deceased as he delivered his sermon, touching on the life of the Apostle Paul. Among the many good things he said: "Sister Davis left no particular dying testimony. No special warning to sinners; no farewell message to the church, but on the other hand, Sister Davis has left a memory of a simple Christian life filled with sincere devotion for her home and family, and filled with service for her church and God. It was not an effort on her part to be a great woman, but rather to be of great service. She was conscious to the last and recognized and conversed with her husband and friends around her bed. She welcomed death with a smile." The choir sang "Asleep in Jesus," and the Order of Eastern Star conducted their burial service, led by the Worthy Matron and Patron, Mrs. May Standfield and Mr. Fred Minor. Interment was made in Greenlawn cemetery.

NEGROES IN THE UNITED STATES

Increase in Population—Urban and Rural Communities—Interstate Migration.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 12.—The bulletin on Negroes in the United States, soon to be issued by Director Sam. L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, indicates that there has been among Negroes an increasing tendency toward home ownership, a marked increase in the percentage of school attendance, a pronounced decrease in the percentage of illiteracy, a decrease in the mortality rate, and an increase in the proportion of church membership.

This bulletin, which is a special compilation of information derived from the Thirteen Census and from other inquiries conducted by the Census Bureau, brings together in one publication all the principal data pertaining to the Negro race which are in the possession of the bureau. The work of planning and arranging the statistical tables, as well as all the clerical work, was done by Negro employes.

Increase in Negro Population.

The Negro population of the United States increased from 757,208, or 19.3 per cent of the total population, in 1790 to 9,827,763, or 10.7 per cent of the total population, in 1910. The increase between 1900 and 1910 was at the rate of 11.2 per cent, while during the same period the white population increased by 22.3 per cent. Since 1810 there has been a continuous decrease in the proportion which Negroes have formed of the total population, due, at least in part, to the fact that the white population has been continually augmented by immigration, while there has been very little immigration of Negroes during the past hundred years.

The largest Negro population in any state in 1910 was that of Georgia, 1,176,987; Mississippi was second, with 1,009,487; and Alabama third, with 908,282.

Of the 9,827,763 Negroes in the United States in 1910, 7,777,077, or 79.1 per cent, were reported as of pure Negro blood, the remaining 2,050,686 or 20.9 per cent being classed as "mulattoes." For census purposes this term covers all persons of mixed white and Negro blood, whatever the proportion. The figures indicate a continuous increase in the percentage of mulattoes during the past forty years.

Density and Center of Negro Population.

In Mississippi and South Carolina the Negro population was more than 50 per cent of the total in 1910—56.2 per cent and 55.2 per cent, respectively; and in Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida the percentages ranged between 40 and 50—45.1, 3.1, 42.6, and 41, respectively. In each of fifty-three counties, scattered throughout the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Florida and Tennessee, at least 75 per cent of the total population was Negro in 1910. Of the Southern states, West Virginia had the smallest percentage of Negroes, 5.3. Outside of the South there was no state in which the percentage was as high as 5, the highest being that for Missouri, 4.8. There were only five other Northern states—New Jersey, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana—in which the proportion of Negroes exceeded 2 per cent.

The "center of population" for the Negro race in the United States is now located about 5.4 miles north-northeast of Fort Payne, DeKalb County, in north eastern Alabama. Its movement ever since 1790 has been in a southwesterly direction, but during the decade 1900-1910 it moved only 5.8 miles to the west-southwest, while during the same period the center of total population moved 39 miles to the westward.

Negroes in Urban and Rural Communities.

The percentage of Negroes in rural communities—that is, outside of incorporated places and New England towns of 2,500 inhabitants or more—decreased from 80.2 in 1890 to 77.3 in 1900, and to 72.6 in 1910. The corresponding percentages for the total population were 63.9 in 1890, 59.5 in 1900, and 53.7 in 1910.

There are 43 cities each of which had more than 10,000 Negro inhabitants in 1910. Ten of these cities lie outside of the Southern states. The total Negro population of these 43 cities was 1,341,468. Washington stood at the head of this list with a Negro population of 94,446, while New York, New Orleans, Baltimore and Philadelphia occupied second, third, fourth and fifth places, with 91,709, 89, 262. 84,749 and 84,459, respectively. The percentage of increase in Negro population in Washington between 1900 and 1910, however, was lower than for most of the other cities in the list, being only 8.9. The greatest gain, both numerically and proportionally, was shown by Birmingham, Ala., whose Negro population increased by 35,730, or 215.6 per cent. New York and Philadelphia showed the next largest numerical gains, 31,043, and 21,486, respectively, the rates of increase for these cities being 51.2 per cent and 34.9 per cent, respectively.

Nativity, Sex and Marital Condition.

Ninety-nine and two-tenths per cent of all Negroes in the United States were natives of native parentage, only four-tenths of 1 per cent being foreign born, while the remaining four-tenths of 1 per cent were natives of foreign, or mixed native and foreign parentage. Of the 40,339 foreign-born Negroes in the United States 24,426, or a trifle more than 60 per cent came from Cuba and the West Indies. Only 473 were born in Africa.

The sex distribution of the Negroes in the United States is on the basis of 98.9 males to 100 females, while for the native whites of native parentage the ratio is 104 males to 190 females.

The statistics show a tendency on the part of the Negroes to marry at earlier ages than whites. This is brought out most clearly by the percentages which married, widowed and divorced persons, taken as a group, form of the total numbers between the ages of 20 and 24, inclusive, namely 39.6 for Negroes and 27 for whites.

Interstate Migration.

Interstate migration is apparently less extensive among the Negro population than among the whites. In 1910 83.4 per cent of the native Negroes in the United States were living in the states in which they were born, while only 77.6 per cent of the American-born whites were residing in their native states.

Twelve states—Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Maryland, Mississippi Louisiana, Delaware and Maine —have lost more than they have gained in Negro population through interstate migration while all the other states have gained more than they have lost from this cause. The net losses of the first-named three states were: Virginia, 206,764; South Carolina, 121,479; North Carolina, 109,751. It is a noteworthy fact that the greatest net gain in Negro population from this cause. 105,513, was shown by Arkansas, a Southern state.

VIEWS OF DAYTON, O.

(By Mrs. P. R. Lawhorn.-

Sunday was Communion day at the Zion Baptist church. The song services from 7:30 to 8 p. m., directed by Mr. J. Brown, was certainly a grand affair. A junior choir has been organized, which is composed of talented young girls and boys. A very pretty solo, "Jesus Wants Me For a Sunbeam," was sang so sweetly y one of the small girls. The affair proved one of the most thoroughly musical treats of the season, and it is hoped that the coming Sunday evenings will record a series of interesting programs which should become the musical life of the church. Rev. McWilliams preached an excellent sermon on "Prayer." Baptizing next Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Thompson.

Miss Helen Hagan, the great pianist, who has traveled through Paris, will give a musical recital at Eaker Street Church Tuesday evening.

A very interesting program was rendered at the Literary Friday evening at the Euclid Avenue church.

Mrs. H. P. Loritts, who has been sick for some time, is able to be out.

Mrs. N. Black, of 319 Norwood avenue, is very sick.

Mrs. H. Dale is better.

Mr. William Roberts is still sick.

Mrs. Clay and babe, of 36 Sprague, are getting along nicely.

One of the most charming affairs of the season was a surprise party given in honor of Mrs. Ruth A. Brown on her twentieth birthday anniversary. Covers were laid for twenty. The house was beautifully decorated with pink and white carnations. A large birthday cake centered the table with the name and age. A six-course dinner was served, after which music and games were enjoyed. A number of useful presents were received. The guests departed in the wee-wee hours pronouncing Mrs. Smith as a delightful hostess.

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Baseball News of Dayton.

The Dayton Marcos played their first game at home to an outburst of enthusiastic baseball fans, an exciting game to the score of 4 to 3 was won by the team from the Cincinnati Italians. Dunn and Sanford did some nice work on the mound for the Marcos, while Thompson and Evans did the heavy work at the bat. This famous ball club has not lost a game this season and their good work has added many Marco club fans to the large number already attained. The game was largely attended and hundreds of beautiful and well dressed ladies were heard from the grand stand rooting for the home boys. Manager Matthews is to be praised for the splendid line-up he has this season. They go to Germantown, O., Sunday to add another victory to their big list.

Get The Freeman at 321 Norwood avenue.

GREENVILLE, TEXAS.

Special to The Freeman.

Rev. Bolden, district superintendent of the M. E. church, was here Sunday to hold the second quarterly conference.

Miss Hurbert E. Rhone, of Sunnyside, Texas, is here to spend the summer with Mrs. M. L. Nelson.

Rev. Flake, of the A. M. E. church, filled the pulpit for Rev. J. E. Beal, of the M. E. church, Sunday night.

Work began last Thursday on the building of good roads on which $$400,000 will be expended.

The Christian church Chautauqua was rained out last week.

The S. A. Austin Musical Comedy Co. is now playing their second week at the Pastime theatre to packed crowds.

Rev. Collins, after spending a day with his home folks, has returned to Paris, where he is pastoring.

Prof. T. W. Pratt made a business trip to Paris last week.

The Pastime Broncho base ball club is preparing to play Kansas City team which is touring the south.

Mr. Will Amos says "Your head will surely ache and your eyes be red after a return trip from Dallas.

Miss Ella Fuller left Sunday night for Kansas City to spend the summer with Rev. Scott and family.

Pres. Ervin, of Jarvis Christian Institute, lectured at the Clark Street Christian church, Monday night, April 26.

Willie Simpson has returned home J. C. I. on account of sickness.

Mr. Morris Turner and Miss Daisy Mae Strickland were married April 29th at New Hope Baptist church.

Dr. Murchison, of Ft. Worth, Tex., was in the city spending a few days with Dr. L. W. Taylor and family.

The Freeman on sale every Saturday at the Pastime theater.

CENTRAL CITY, KY

Born to the wife of Mr. Arthur Smith Saturday night, a fine boy. Mother and baby getting along nicely.

The birthday party given in honor of Lovey M. Robinson was eijoyed by many. He was well remembered with handsome gifts.

Mr. Nathan Kirtley has purchased a lot in front of Mr. John Wilson and will begin building right away.

Mesdames S. L. Campbell and Mary Wilson attended the special call meeting of teachers Friday at Greenville, Ky.

Mr. Steve Jenkins, of Paducah, Ky., who lost his eyesight some time ago, arrived here Sunday to spend the remaining days with his brother, Isaac Jenkins.

Mrs. V. W. Dunn left Sunday for Scottville, Ky., after spending a week here with Mrs. Wm. Tette and family.

Mrs. Genie First has gone to Clay, Ky., to visit her son.

Miss Willie Silvey has returned from Fulton, Ky.

Misses Cora Fresh, Rachel Coleman and Beulah Alexander, drove to Greenville Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. S. L. Campbell, D. M. N. G., has begun visiting Houserolds for the year. She visited Owensboro, Friday night; Calhoun, Ky., Saturday.

Mr. Jack Woods is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. Fannie Shrewsbury has returned from Greenville, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mary Downing.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin are visiting in Litchfield, Ky., this week.

SHEFFIELD (ALA.) NOTES.

The pastor and members of First Baptist church of this city, who have been planning from time to time to build a new church, are coming to sight together with brick and sand on ground, also masons are making ready to begin work at once.

Rev. J. V. Love, pastor of the C. M. E. church of this city, has returned after spending a few days in St. Louis, Mo., with relatives and friends.

The Freeman can be found at Armstead Cream Parlor on Second street.

STREATOR, ILL.

The J. B. S. club gave an auto party Monday evening at Mrs. Flora Hall's residence. Her new home is a beautiful palace inside and about twenty couple spent a pleasant evening.

L. L. Doughtt was in town Friday and says fishing will be good at Spring Lake this season.

Agnes Moody Chapter No. 54 O. E. S., gave a musical contata at the Second Baptist church, Thursday evening, and it was good. A beautiful three course lunch was served after the program. Pigeon pie with salad, spring turkey, brown dressing, and roast rib pork with apple sauce.

J. H. Simmons was in Chicago Monday to see his sister, who is sick there.

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As a matter of politeness Japan should have deferred its program of aggression until some other time.

When the next gale blows from the East, Japan and China may be flying at their respective throats—Patrick Henry brought down to date.

The British are still anteing their ships. They, true enough, are small coin. Bobbie Burns says many a mickle makes a muckle, or something like that.

The Freeman appreciates the invitation to be present at the thirty-fourth anniversary of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, May 20-27. Baccalaureate sermon by Dean D. S. Moten, B. D., Ph. D. Closing address by Bishop C. S. Smith, D. D., LL. D.

As to that recordership of deed business at Washington, D. C., we are inclined to think that Bishop Walters is a new Barkis. He is willin'. Not that we understand that he has been offered the place. He just naturally likes politics. The inference is that he also likes the awards of politics.

What do you think of it? Donn Roberts, formerly mayor of Terre Haute, Ind., now a prisoner at Leavenworth, Kans., expects a Negro lawyer to get him out of the toils by the habeas corpus route. It is said that this lawyer is noted for his success in habeas corpus proceedings. The story may be true, but it don't jingle right.

"The Birth of a Nation," the moving picture that has caused the down East sensation, is not "locatable" this week. It is a regular Kron Prinz of a proposition—may be laying up for repairs. When it takes midocean again (the pictures) the scouts will be hot on their trail. A very rough "sea" voyage is promised and when there isn't a thing the matter with the elements.

While struggling upwards it would be well not to forget that our circumstances are the best of our race variety. We do not owe this to ourselves, a rather shameful admission, but absolutely to those with whom we are still contending for more liberty. We do not mean that we should be satisfied at this stage of progress and no further contend. We mean that we should now and then secretly rejoice because of what we were and what we now are. This joy added to the natural agony of men at times because of man's inhumanity to man should average a beautiful calm at the most while, meaning the making of our way along the line of the least resistance to the most satisfactory situation that is ours to attain. The march is on and as strong as the Amazon to the sea. There may be deflection at times that retard, but while lingering in weakness here, strength is gained elsewhere. The old natural philosophical law fits our case to a nicety, that what is lost in velocity is gained in power.

Robert T. Lincoln, chairman of the board of directors of the Pullman Company, has come to the conclusion that the wage system of the company is wrong. It pays $27.50 a month as salaries to the porters, making it necessary that they get theirs otherwise. This otherwise is the well known tipping system which has its advantages and drawbacks. Mr. Lincoln is the son of the late lamented President Lincoln. He seems to have a touch of his father's kindly spirit, cherishing his memory in this respect, the regard for the Negroes. He said that the wage system was antiquated and had given him considerable annoyance. He stated a truth when he said that the employment afforded the Negro by the Pullman Company has been one of the most uplifting opportunities the race has had. The Pullman Company has been a Godsend to many young Negroes who wished to be something. It was their only bank account, and on which they drew to help themselves through schools from which they emerged as doctors, dentists, lawyers, ministers and business men, not to speak of the thousands who have become prosperous though untitled citizens.

AT THE HAGUE.

The International Women's Peace Congress now in session at The Hague is a very needy congress. If it succeeds in its work the greatest blessing possible will be due the women, and the world will also receive its greatest blessing. At no time in the world's history has there been such turmoil, such a general upheaval as there is now on. Latter day civilization has made for peculiar disaster, and which is so widespread that it should sound its own death note—this war should sound its own death note.

Men have not been very liberal in their views concerning woman's suffrage, and it stands to reason because of what custom has taught. Men will be forced to greatly modify their views if it turns out that it falls to the lot of women to interdict the great slaughter of human kind that is now going on—to put a ban on it for all time to come. The imaginary mind can easily conceive, in the event of success, that they were reserved to this day, to play the best card in human affairs at the most needy time. Should their labor be crowned with success it will be easy to think of them, in their new movement, the suffragette movement, as prepared for this day as Abraham Lincoln was prepared for his day, as Jesus Christ was prepared for His day.

If divinity is an actual daily factor in the affairs of men we will be forced to believe that the women are to play some important part in the world's affairs. Complicated citizenship in countries of advanced civilization has spontaneously suggested and advised their coming, then, if we will hold that divinity entrusts our destiny to our sweet wills. It seems to be one or the other, and in either event the result is divine if they defeat and beat back the program of woe which their brothers insist on enacting. Indeed, these brothers do not seem to care how charged with punishment is the scroll.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud;
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.
—Henley.

This is a most fitting apostrophe to the present war and to the state of mind of those managing it. It may be all right as the sentiment of an indivadual standing for the individual in opposition to injustice and oppression. It is no creed for the millions in great divisions of units. In all of this there is wrong and cruelty which finds no law of justification. The women at The Hague, we hope, will put a new song in the mouths of men.

Art seizes on women as the subject of its symbols when picturing the goodly atributes, and sometimes the meaner ones, but nevertheless it is woman. She is justice, love, mercy. The Fates, The Furies. Should she be the means of peace at The Hague, Peace will be her peculiar emblem; not because artists have chosen to make it so, but because she has won it battling in her own way—winning a bloodless victory—discounting at once the vain glorious of the world's combined wars.

A news dispatch speaking of the conference says:

> Besides the 866 Dutch delegates, the gathering, which was presided over by Aletta Jacobs, comprised fifty-one women from America, three from Austria, nine from Denmark, five from Belgium (who arrived by special permission of the German military authorities), nine from Hungary, twelve from Sweden, fifteen from Norway, twelve from Germany, two from Great Britain and one each from Chili, Armenia, Italy and Canada.

Many touching addresses were made the burden of which was more love to the world of mankind. Peace was the keynote, and which none forgot to sound. They overlooked the lines that marked them off as separate races, insisting on viewing the world of womankind as a sisterhood. All women, at heart, are for peace, said they, and such is the fact, yet obdurate man would see it otherwise. And because he is wedded to his idol, the women are moving up, as if to fulfill the oft repeated saying that the first shall be last.

A SHABBY TURN.

To the Editor of The Freeman:

My Dear Sir—I feel it my duty to make this public statement to the friends of this city, who so generously assisted me in making the Spencer Recital February 14th such an overwhelming success in order to inform them as to the facts in the case regarding her leaving the city so suddenly a week ago.

Miss Spencer came to me a few months ago and asked me to assist in getting before the public for a recital in order that she might be able to get a harp, so that she might have something to practice on, as she desired to become a noted harpist, but that she had no one to help her.

Thinking her worthy and sincere I called upon my friends to help me. They generously responded and the recital was a success, I succeeding in raising from the recital $182.50. After the expenses of $42.50 were paid there was a balance of $140 left. I added to this amount $160 to make out the $300 first payment required in order that she might get the harp.

After the recital was over, she came to my house and begged me to give her a home, saying she had been offered a home in Chicago, but did not want to go, that she preferred coming to me. I told her that I had been so badly deceived in girls that I did not want to take her.

She continued to come here for two months and begged my forelady, Miss Alice P. Kelley to plead with me in her behalf until I at last decided to give her a home.

After she had been here about six weeks and being treated like one of my own family, not withstanding I was paying her a salary of $6.00 per week, without any provocation whatever, she left the house on Monday noon, saying that she was going to the drug store to get something for the headache and would return in a few minutes. She remained away all night, came home on Tuesday morning at 6 a. m., before any of us were down stairs and stole out everything she had, including the harp, which I had given bond for to the amount of $1,000.

Had she intimated that she was dissatisfied, I would have willingly given her permission to go, and would have consented for her to take the harp. The only thing I would have done was to have been released from the bond. She had no reason for this action, as I never gave her a cross word the whole time she was here.

Now I want to say and this is final, I am through helping so-called worthy people. There isn't a day that I am not besieged by people for help, either individuals, or by letter, and as near as I could, I have tried to reach them, or help them in some way. In the future all appeals will be turned down and letters consigned to the waste basket.

Yours,
MME. C. J. WALKER.

The public, doubtless, will be very much surprised to know that Madame Walker has been so shabbily treated after having done what she did for the young lady. We are going on the presumption that the facts in the case are as the Madame gives them. Of course, there are two sides to every question, and this one is not different. But we can not conceive of what the young lady can answer to what appears a plain array of facts.

That she left the Madame in the lurch for the harp is the most painful thing. How can the young lady explain this away? If she is really guilty of all of which she is charged she has very much to answer for.

Madame Walker is known for her benevolence. The poor and needy have not appealed to her in vain. She has set the pace in all the greater movements for good, taking the part of many instead of one. Whatever may be the private notions of her bounty we all know that she has come clean in her promises; no shady transaction is traced to her since she has been among us. We know of her as one who merits the highest consideration. Lady bountiful is her other name and with the thought goes that of wholesome interest in whatever of good goes on among us.

We do not like the conclusion of her complaint where she says she is through. This is the bitterest speech that has ever come from her. Yet, we ask, can you blame her? After having paid $160 additional on the harp to make up the $300 she finds herself faced with an indebtedness of $700 more. We can't blame her very much. We hope that she will keep on in the same sweet way, dispensing charities, giving alms, feeling that one bluebird does not make a summer. That offender does not taint the whole race.

POLITICAL OFFICES.

The Indianapolis Star in an editorial Monday had it that Senator Kern is reported as having given assurance that Bishop Alexander Walters, if appointed recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia, will be confirmed by the Senate. This may have been the report, but we understood it different. However, what was said was of some value, in that the publication gave its estimate of the Bishop, holding that he could not afford to take the office because of his worth in his present capacity.

Following is what the Star had to say of the bishop:

> That will appeal to some of the bishop's friends as good news and to others as no cause for congratulation. Politicians and some thoughtless people will consider such an appointment as an honor. Others, who take a larger view of the bishop's ability, will be inclined to the opinion that the appointment will mean a waste of his time and influence.
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> Bishop Walters has been a leader among the colored men of the country during more than a generation. He has served as bishop of his denomination more than twenty-three years. He has been elected seven times as the president of the Afro-American Council. He repeatedly has acted as delegate to religious councils, both national and international, and has been an active factor in many of the movements for the uplift of the members of his race.
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> He has been and is a power for good in a cause needing men of capacity. No doubt he would make a good recorder of deeds, but there are scores of other colored men who could do as well in the place. It seems too bad to bury a man of such wide ability and usefulness in a routine position that might be filled by almost any man of average intelligence. The bishop owes it to himself and to his fellow men to make better use of his talents.

Bishop Walters, doubtless, will be pleased to know that such a faithful tab has been kept on him, especially since the recital is so complimentary. The report as we understand it was that if a Negro was selected, that he would be confirmed. The president was speaking to the bishop. It may be that the distinguished churchman is the man in view. It is not the first time that his name has been connected with the receivership of recorder of deeds of Washington, D. C.

In spite of the bishop's usefulness to his church and race as he is, it is very well known that it is exceedingly difficult for him to resist the glamour of politics. If real, actual politics, speechmaking and all that go to make up the life it would be just like him to accept the office of recordership of deeds were it tendered him. His brother churchmen of the bench, more than once, have had to sit down on him, owing to his political activity. This activity is not to be thought of as pernicious, but it was thought to be too aggressive for a churchman of his standing. He plead the race cause, always, as his defense, and always won over his challengers to his way of thinking. And the bishop has maintained his position most thoroughly, that he was fighting the battles of the race through politics. Since the necessity for doing so has ever been more or less aparent he had an easy case to win.

Speaking of Negroes being appointed to office under this administration, we said at another time there was not much reason for hope. President Wilson in his effort to win the office led the Negroes to hope for too much. They are not to be blamed for their great trust in a possible president. This possible president when promising consideration before the election pledged himself as a gentleman and a Christian to see to it that the Negro would fare well at his hands. Mr. Trotter, when in Indianapolis, called attention to Mr. Wilson's splendid attitude, promising more than was expected and in unexpected terms. Mr. Trotter said that the president's repudiation of his "contract" was stunningly complete, and for that reason he broke away from the party. Bishop Walters, it appears, has not sufficient reason to recant his alliance. However, he became weak-kneed, sulked in his tent, to be called out in this hour when the battle is waging sore against the administration.

We also said at another time that the offices were not so much desired by the race in general as proper civil consideration for the whole race. We had in mind segregation and similar great civil ills which are so destructive to manhood. The offices, of course, are desired in the sense that they are signs of that same civil consideration, not that they should be at the expense of greater race freedom.

In this connection we hold that the president should maintain and show the same respect that his predecessors have shown, especially those of his own party—the one in the instance, Grover Cleveland. Mr. Wilson is quoter as broad and scholarly. Such men know that the treatment that makes and unmakes a people. For themselves they accept nothing except a limitless citizenship, seeing that no man has a single right which does not also inhere in themselves. Our race is asking the thing theoretically, knowing that there is much that prevents the practical working of the rule.

Mr. Wilson was very thoughtful in getting a Negro post-haste to Liberia, Africa. So far our case rested right there. If it were his policy to send Negroes to where they were wanted, he did his theory violence by sending a white man to Hayti, a land of Negroes. His administration is very impolitic in that it does not give one or two first-class positions to the race. It cannot feel greatly in sympathy with the country if it is continually being politically black-balled. Why not have our friendship when the cost is so little? There is evidence right now that every mother's son of us is needed for our country. If we are studiously alienated, what can result but alienation?

We are very thankful to our own Senator Kern and other Democrats of Congress who have fought the program of the new enslavement from the beginning of the present administration until the present time. But in spite of their valor in battling for us we may charge some of our salvation to those very war clouds which hover so densely over Europe and which dulls the brightness of the day around the globe. It has taught the lesson that every mother's son of us is needed for the defense of home.

Rev. Aaron W. Puller and Editor Wm. Monroe Trotter, who was arrested during the demonstration in Boston owing to the production of the picture play, "The Birth of a Nation," was acquitted of the charges of inciting a riot and disturbing the peace. The judge said that the two persons responsible for the near riot were the policeman in plain clothes who struck Mr. Trotter and the ticket seller at the theatre who drew the color line. He stood firmly for the colored people.

RUBE FOSTER'S GIANTS WIN AGAIN.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 5.—(Special)—The American Giants proved on Sunday that they are not only an infield team of the first water but can hit. The Gunthers are the crack team (white) and came on the Southside purposely to defeat Mr. Foster and his prize winners. It was another shutout. Foster's "boys" with Gatewell in the box trimmed the visitors 5 to 0. The usual 6,000 crowd was not present on account of the clouds being heavy and looking like rain, which it did at the close of the fifth inning. Mr. Gatewell was in fine form. His charming wife sat in the box and saw him as he would twirl the ball across home plate and Geokle would yell, strike! He had his game won in the third inning. The visitors could not see Mr. Gatewood but the Giants oversaw Mr. Brown for the Gunthers when our boys got four hits and four scores and brought in another in the fourth inning. Pete Hill was at the bag and did as well as in center. "Pete," as we all know him, is an all-round ball player. The score:

Am. Giants.	R.	H.	P.	A.
Barber, 1b	0	0	6	0
Hill, c.	0	1	2	1
Duncan, lf.	1	0	4	1
McNair, cf.	1	0	0	0
Hutchinson, ss.	0	1	2	1
Francis, 3b.	0	0	0	3
Bauch'n, 2b.	1	1	1	3
Jenkins, rf.	1	1	0	0
Gatewood, p.	1	1	0	0
Totals	5	5	15	9

Gunthers.	R.	H.	P.	A.
Wiesner, ss.	0	0	0	1
Madigan, rf.	0	1	2	0
Jones, cf.	0	0	2	0
Miller, 1b.	0	0	6	1
Geiser, lf.	0	0	0	0
Asmussen, c.	0	1	1	1
Thueml'g, 3b.	0	0	1	0
Sullivan, 2b.	0	0	0	3
Brown, p.	0	0	0	0
O'Neill, p.	0	0	0	1
Totals	0	2	12	7

Giants ---------------0 0 4 1 •—5
Gunthers --------------0 0 0 0 0—0

Errors—Weisner, Asmussen. Struck out—By Gatewood, 1. Bases on balls—Off Gatewood, 3; off Brown, 2; off O'Neil 1. Umpire—Grechel.

Another big game is scheduled for Sunday. The race has caught the baseball spirit and they are as much interested in baseball as fans of the White Sox. Nothing happens here on Sunday to take the crowd from the American Giants Park. Its Giants, first, last and always. Mr. Foster expects to have the best teams available here during the season. At all times he hopes to give the fans a run for their money. Box seats are now on sale.

SPRUDELS REPEAT ON A. B. C's.

Springs Team Wins 3 to 2—Manager Taylor Bats in Ninth.

WEST BADEN, Ind., April 29.—The Sprudels won again from the A. B. C's. in one of the best games played at West Baden. Casey, a young southpaw, held the A. B. C's. to two hits. Dismukes was on the mound for the visitors and allowed the Sprudels seven scattered hits. The catch of Blackwell in the ninth inning was the feature of the game, which saved the game for the Sprudels. C. I. Taylor, manager, went in as a pinch hitter, with two men on, and drove one in the canvas to left filed, but Blackwell reached it with a phenomenal catch. Score:

A. B. C's.---- 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1—2 2 2
Sprudels ---- 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 0—3 7 1

Batteries—Powell and Dismukes; Casey and Johnson.

YES, HE WEAKENED.

WEST BADEN, Ind., May 4.—The Sprudels lost to the Louisville White Sox in a one-sided game, 11 to 5. Casey, on the mound for the Sprudels, seemed to weaken in the sixth. Hanker pitched for the White Sox and held the Sprudels safe throughout. Score:

Sox -----2 0 0 1 1 6 0 1 0—11
Sprudels -0 0 1 0 0 0 4 0 0— 5

Batteries—Hacker and Jones; Casey and Johnson.

SPRUDELS WIN AGAIN.

WEST BADEN, Ind., May 5.—"Hub" Miller again beat the White Sox today. Kimbrough showed himself back in form by sending out a triple and double. Score:

White Sox ---------0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0—2
Sprudels ---------2 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 •—4

Batteries—Dandy and Jones; Miller and Johnson.

The A. B. C.'s and the Merits staged a three-inning contest last Sunday at Northwestern Park, rain ending the contest with the score 3 to 3.

CHICAGO GIANTS COMING FOR GAME WITH A. B. C.'S

Strong Chicago Aggregation to Open Three-Game Series Here Sunday.

The Chicago Giants, one of the leading independent clubs of the Windy City, will play the A. B. C.'s a three-game series at Northwestern Park, starting Sunday. The Giants have played at the local park a number of times and are great favorites with the fans. The boys from the Windy City were the first to defeat Taylor's aggregation last season, turning the trick after the local team had won sixteen straight games.

The A. B. C.'s with the addition of Second Baseman DeMoss of the French Lick Plutos, look to be one of the best colored clubs in the business. In the hurling department, Taylor has lined up three crack pitchers in Dismukes, Johnson and Charleston. The famous West Baden Sprudels will play a three-game series following the Giants.

NEW YORK BLACK SOX TO INVADE THE EAST

W. T. Smith, known in base ball circles as "Big Bill" is getting the New York Black Sox in shape to make a tour of the west. Manager Smith is a thorough and practical baseball man, having managed the Brooklyn Royal Giants and Mohawk Giants successfully. Knowing the strength of the teams located in Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis and Louisville, he realizes the importance of having a first-class aggregation. Washington, D. C., has several first-class men, who will be seen in the line-up of the Black Sox this season. Manager Smith can be addressed at 916 French street, Washington, D. C.

ANDERSON EASY FOR JACK DILLON

Indianapolis Middleweight Stops His Heavy Opponent in Six Rounds.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 4.—Jack Dillon tonight added Andres Anderson's scalp to his list of victims by knocking him out in the sixth round of what was to have been a ten-round bout, at the Lexington Athletic Association arena. A big crowd, composed mostly of horsemen and turf followers, witnessed the mill.

Dillon had the better of the fighting from the start, but not until the fifth round did his blows tell effectively, the gong saving Anderson in this round. Dillon got busy at the beginning of the sixth round, and landing a hard right cross to Anderson's jaw, ended the battle. Anderson had about thirty-five pounds the advantage in weight.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Louisville, Ky., May 2.—The West Baden Sprudels defeated the Louisville White Sox here today in a six-inning game, the score being 8 to 4.

KENOSHA, WIS.

By P. R. Savilles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carter, of 652 Pleasant street, gave a social in honor of Mr. Lee Roy Allen, of Chicago, and the affair was largely attended. Mr. Allen and Mr. A. Dodge rendered the music. Mrs. A. Dodge gave a piano recital which was the feature of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carter have recently installed a new piano and their friends surely enjoy going to hear Mr. Carter play those Weary Blues, dancing and refreshments a-plenty that went to make a pleasant evening for all, after which Mr. Allen returned to the city. -- Mr. and Mrs. K. Dodge have moved to Chicago, their new address is 4534 South State street. Their many friends regret much to see them leave the city, as they are very pleasant and entertaining. Mr. Dodge gave up an awful good job in which he had mastered for more than six years with the Frost Manufacturing Co. Mr. Dodge has the best wishes of all Kenosha in his new undertaking. -- Mrs. Clara Noblett, of Portland, Me., who is visiting her mother, 102 Park street, sprained her ankle last week, which caused her much pain. Mrs. Noblett anticipated on returning home this week, but the accident will mean two more weeks for her stay in the city. Her many friends are glad that the stay will be extended, but are sorry of the accident, and will miss Mrs. Noblett, and regret much to see her return home again. -- About the gentleman saying there was no one in the city for his wife to associate with in case she moved to the city, is like a number of other things that has been started. Small town people have, as a rule, small ways. We wish the mouser would chew chewing gum instead of chewing the rag, and there would be no time for his mind to lead his tongue to evil thought of others that don't have this to think about. -- P. R. Savilles attended a large meeting Saturday evening May 1, and says his experience is worth a thousand dollars. While in the city he stopped at the Y. M. C. A., which he found to be a beautiful building and everything up-to-date and compliment the Y. M. C. A. of Chicago as they are progressing as I love to see them.

BRUNSWICK, GA.

On last Tuesday night the new Glynn concert band was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Meridy at their home, 816 Amherst street. Quite a large crowd of Mr. and Mrs. Meridy's friends were present. An appetizing beverage was first on the menu, then came the salad, or sole de lettuce and juicy fruit punch, ice cream and cake. After all were served they had a dance in the parlor.

The Acme Tailors have now opened up their fashionable tailoring, cleaning, pressing and repairing shop at 203 Monk street. They will make your clothes on short notice or press them at once. Give them a trial on your clothes. William Phoenix, manager. Phone 546.

Mrs. D. P. Pyles would like very much to hear from her uncle, Hampy Wollburg, and wife, Mrs. Roe Wollburg.

Having read of your handbag money and diamonds being stolen from your place, let me hear from you at once. Address 1611 Mansfield street.

On last Sunday at Grace M. E. church Mr. Freddie Wright, one of the most talented tenor songsters of the south, sang that beautiful ballad, "Hold Thou My Hand," accompanied by Prof. W. A. Perry. To hear Mr. Wright you would think you were listening to Caruso or Harry Macdonough.

THE FREEMAN ON SALE IN CINCINNATI, OHIO.

The Freeman on sale at the Pekin Theater, 536 West Fifth avenue. Col Brown, agent.

THOMAS F. BLUE TO SPEAK AT RICHMOND, VA.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Thomas F. Blue, who has been in charge of the colored branch of the Louisville Free Public Library for the past ten years, and is now in charge of the two colored branches, has been invited to speak at the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Wayland and Richmond Institute, Richmond, Va., June 2.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

Mother's Day services at the Freeman chapel Sunday were well attended. Rev. Copeland, the pastor, preached a most impressive and touching sermon. He spoke at length on the love a mother has for her child.

The concrete walk in front of Lane's Tabernacle, which the Busy Bee Club of that church is having constructed, is nearing completion.

Mrs. Tibby has been indisposed for several days at her home in Fifth street.

Mrs. Willie Gooch Watson, of Madisonville, attended the Epworth League at Lane's Tabernacle last week the guest of Mrs. Minnie Tate.

Mr. Floyd Small, of this city, and Miss Ruth Hagans, of Ormistead, Ky., were quietly married Saturday, April 26, at the home of the groom.

Mrs. Lucy Phelps, of Earlington, spent a few days in the city last week.

JACKSON, MISS.

Mme. Walker Booker, who has been in Jackson for the past week, spoke at the A. M. E. church Sunday, May 2nd, to a crowded house. While here Mme. Booker has spoken at the Y. M. C. A., the C. M. E. church and the Temple, and has had large audiences every place she has spoken during her stay in the city. -- The Union Base Ball Club will play their opening game with the Nashville Giants at League Park May 10, 11, and 12, and will leave home on the 14th for Yazoo City and Ark. Line-up as follows: P. Harper, catch; F. Cook, right field; J. Bates, center field; J. Wright, left field; J. Anderson, third base; E. Williams, second base; A. Belle, short stop; S. Hubbard, first base; A. Simpson, catch; D. Knight, pitch; L. Small, pitch; E. Coats, second base; W. McCray, manager.

FIRST TO ENTER CONTEST.

Miss Annie Johnson, of Brunswick, Mo., First to Be Nominated for Trip to Panama Exposition.

Miss Annice Johnson, of Brunswick, Mo., is the first candidate to be nominated for The Freeman's free trip to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Miss Johnson has (552) votes to her credit up to date.

Candidates for the Panama-Pacific Exposition should report each week by not later than Tuesday in order that the number of votes can be published each week.

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Begin today if you want to go. Anyone can enter contest.
Anyone in the contest that fail to get the 2,500 votes, but get one-fourth of the amount (625 votes) will be allowed 25 per cent. of all the money they send in. Contestants must report once a week by not later than Tuesday, in order that the number of votes can be published each week.
Send all money by Post Office Money Order or Express Money Order payable to The Freeman.
The contest will close October 1. Parties can go any time the required number of votes are secured.
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The Indianapolis Freeman's Trip to Panama Pacific Exposition!
This nominating blank is worth 500 votes if accompanied with one subscription.
I hereby nominate..
Name of Nominee
whose age we know to be over 16 years. Whose address is..........................
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Nominated by..
Address..

STAGE GOSSIP
J.B. DAVIDSON

Look out for "The Power of Faith," Minor's great drama.

Green and Pugh at the Columbia theater this week, Detroit, Mich.

Bailey & Bailey, Alex and Carrie, are now in their third week at the Menelik theater, Orlando, Fla.

Leon, the magician, is going big each night with the Silas Green Co., in old North Carolina.

Gussie Tailor is with the Silas Green Co., singing "You Made Me Love You." Going big every night.

Coleman L. Minor says that he has something up his sleeve bigger and better than the midnight ramble.

Leroy Knox has been ailing with his throat for the last week. Regards to Smith and Smith, also Freddie Pratt.

John Hedge is at the National theatre, Sydney, Australia. He would like to hear from a good girl performer.

Edna Barrett wishes to hear from Mr. Archie Hurdlestone and Mrs. Marie Williams. Address, care of The Freeman.

Mr. Gus Raney will open the big family Hippodrome at Galveston, Tex., this month with pictures and vaudeville.

Miss Alice Russell joined the Silas Green company at Plymouth, N. C., Monday, May 2; also, Elizabeth Van Clay.

Billie Zeek and Martha Copeland are still working together, playing their second week at Nashville, Tenn. Making good as usual.

Frank H. Dukes, singing and dancing comedian, with the M. Ferdon Co., Urbana, Ohio. Say, Jack Wiggins, write me, care The Freeman.

Tom Scott, of the team of Scott & Crosby, is one of the principal comedians with the J. C. O'Brien's Famous Georgia Minstrels No. 2 show.

Emma Fredrick is now entertaining with much success at the Panama, 35th and State street, Chicago. She sends regards to free and The Freeman.

Hill Sisters, after making three successful weeks in Norfolk, Va., will play a return date at the Dixie Theatre, Richmond, Va., week of May 10th.

Eloise Johnson is contemplating a few weeks' of rest from the stage. She is a strenuous little worker, the result of which is a tendency towards nervous prostration.

James Day, of the team of Day & Gulfport is in trouble at Leeds, Mo. He needs $100. He will have to get the amount or serve for one year. He asks the performers to help him.

Jack Wiggins is now by himself, but will soon join his former partners, the female Wiggins. He is in Kansas City, Mo., this week with the original Billy King at the Criterion theater.

Alonzo Noel, clarinetist, recently a member of Royal band and orchestra, Lake Charles, La., is now located at 714 26th street, Galveston, Texas. E. Alfred, C. B. and Bonnie Drew write.

Berner Marsey, ventriloquist and magician, is en route with the Rabbit Foot's Minstrels, the big feature attraction. He and his partner, little Tommy," creates a sensation wherever they go.

Owing to the fact that there are other teams known as Davis & Davis, the team of that name playing at the Crown Garden theater, Indianapolis, this week, will be known in the future as Davis & Elmore.

E. Alfred Drew, the juggling jester and slack wire artist, is still holding his audience spellbound doing some of the most daring, death-defying tricks on the high wire, with the J. C. O'Brien's Minstrel No. 2 show now in the State of Missouri.

Burton & Mitchell still playing houses on New England Circuit. New Theatre, Portsmouth, N. H., May 3rd; Academy, Keen, N. H., May 6th. After this date my partner, Miss Lelia B. Mitchell, will leave to open up her villa in Asbury Park, N. J. Burton will be working single until further notice.

P. L. Jenkins, trombonist, late of A. G. Allen's Minstrels, is now connected with The Handy and Eckford bands at his home town in Memphis, Tenn., where they sing, talk, play, dance and even dream those "Memphis Blues." Address, 214 North Turley street. Regards to Prof. McCammon and all friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henderson are still at 209 East First street, Oklahoma City, Okla., and send regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Would like very much to hear from Mr. Best Delo and Mr. Reed Connor. When you don't know where to find us, Jane Crosby, write care The Freeman. We get it every Saturday.

Mahlon C. Wilson, who, for the season of 1912-13 was with Geyers Dandy Dixie Minstrels and 1914 with Miller & Arlington's 101 Ranch Wild West, is at home, 321 Centennial avenue, and sends regards to all his friends. Hello L. K. Baker; don't let them handle the lights in front of the band stage. Hello to the rest of 101 buch. Would like to hear from J. M. Henderson, John Dennis, Allie Young and all my friends.

Mr. James E. Simpson, known in the profession as "Happ Simpson," the jolly tramp, acrobat and barrel jumper, lost his beloved mother, Mrs. Mattie Simpson, No. 224 Front avenue, Buffalo, N. Y. She closed her eyes in peaceful sleep Wednesday night, April 28th, at 10 o'clock. Owing to business difficulties it was impossible for her oldest son, James E., to attend the funeral and it grieved him greatly. She left behind to mourn her loss, a husband, daughter and two sons, Mr. Charles Simpson, Miss Leona Simpson, James E., and Roscoe Conklin Simpson.

NOTES FROM THE WILLIAMS & STEVENS RICHEST COON IN GEORGIA COMPANY.

Since its opening has done very little business, but being backed by men of money, everything has gone along smoothly. Williams and Stevens seem well pleased with their company, their band of fourteen pieces is the best heard in the New England states in years. We finished up with N. B. last week. We have witnessed some very cold weather, but everything's all right now. Mr. Geo. McCoy, understudy of Mr. C. H. Williams, is a shining light in the company. Every member holds his or her own and all are working hard.

NOTES FROM WOLFSCALE'S BAND WITH BARNUM & BAILEY.

We are now in the last part of the week in Philadelphia. Despite the rainy weather we have been having, business has been great. Mr. Jas. Dorsey, bass player, joined us at Philadelphia, making a twenty-piece band. The band splits up during parade, making two colored bands. Mr. and Mrs. Prince Venerable and Mr. Frank Washington were visitors during the week here. Mr. Venerable will soon join the Ringling Bros. show. Prof. Wolfcale sends regards to Prof. Jas. Harris, Prof. R. Pope, and Prof. P. G. Lowery and all friends in and out ofthe profession. Princess Wee Wee, the little colored doll lady and smallest woman in the world, is with us again this season.

She sends love to all her many friends. The roster of Prof. Wolfscale's band is as follows: Prof. Jas. Wolfscale, cornet and director; Roy Wolfscale, cornet and assistant director; Albert Franklin, cornet; C. Mickens, cornet; A. Madison, cornet; Ernest Smith, baritone; Kilmer Jackson, bass; Jas. Dorsey, bass; Fred (Cat) Garland, trombone; Steven Robison, trombone; Wm. Moorehead, trombone; Harvey Holland, trombone and orchestra leader; Ray Wolfscale, alto; Earl Johnson, alto; Leon Gray, drums; Slim Mason, drums; Troy Wolfscale, alto and trap drums. Best regards to all friends.

GANT & PERKINS, THE TWO SWEETS.

Collins & Barrett and Hamtree Harrington at The New Crown Garden Theatre, Indianapolis, This Week—Tim E. Ousley, Proprietor.

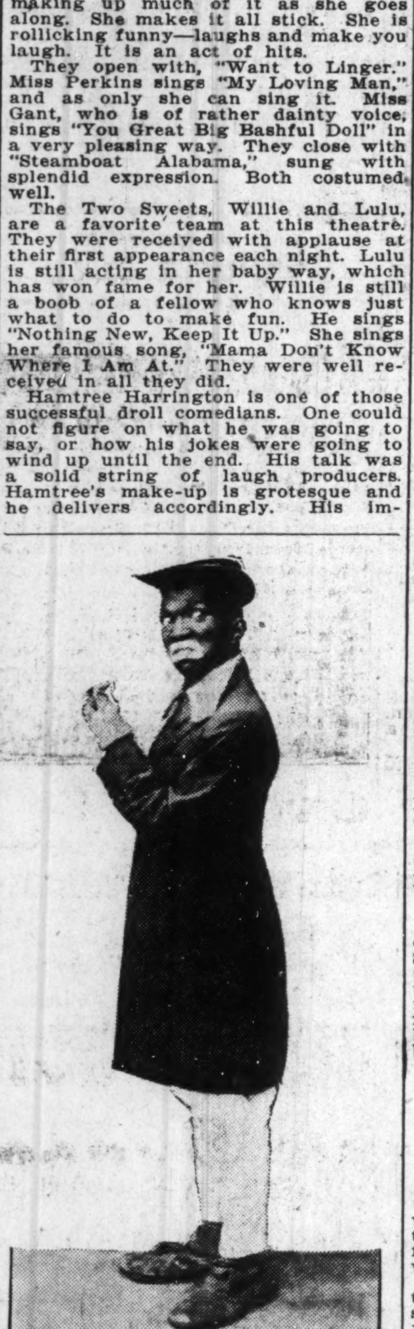
Gant & Perkins are a team of dashing girls, swell in all respects, looking as if they had just stepped off of Broadway, N. Y. Good clothes? Yes. Mabel Gant is one of the finest figures on the stage—superb is the word. Then that voice and air—a regular Parisian. Her steps are in keeping.

Alberta Perkins is also a fine stage personage. She takes to the comedy division, and she gets it out regular, making up much of it as she goes along. She makes it all stick. She is rollicking funny—laughs and make you laugh. It is an act of hits.

They open with, "Want to Linger." Miss Perkins sings "My Loving Man," and as only she can sing it. Miss Gant, who is of rather dainty voice, sings "You Great Big Bashful Doll" in a very pleasing way. They close with "Steamboat Alabama," sung with splendid expression. Both costumed well.

The Two Sweets, Willie and Lulu, are a favorite team at this theatre. They were received with applause at their first appearance each night. Lulu is still acting in her baby way, which has won fame for her. Willie is still a boob of a fellow who knows just what to do to make fun. He sings "Nothing New, Keep It Up." She sings her famous song, "Mama Don't Know Where I Am At." They were well received in all they did.

Hamtree Harrington is one of those successful droll comedians. One could not figure on what he was going to say, or how his jokes were going to wind up until the end. His talk was a solid string of laugh producers. Hamtree's make-up is grotesque and he delivers accordingly. His impromptu verse play on the audience went big. He hit some pretty good jolts but no one seemd to mind it. His dancing is a feature. He does what he calls the "chicken dream," his own dance. It's got 'em, as they say. He sings "What It Takes to Keep My Wife from Running Around, I've Got It." This song makes a big hit.


HAMTREE HARRINGTON.

Collins & Barrett, doing comedy and straight, went big. Collins is another one of those comedians who, seemingly, can't do anything poorly. No better "wench" character has been seen at this theatre. Miss Barrett is a fine straight and a good all-around performer. Her singing number, "If I Forgot," was prettily done.

J. B. McCAMON WRITES FROM THE VIRGINIA MINSTRELS.

To my many friends why I left the A. G. Allen's Minstrels:

On December 7th, Mr. Quine left the show and Mr. Allen took the show in charge on half salary, which we never received. He went broke the second week, and I allowed him to borrow money on my diamonds, which he did, and one of them is in soak as yet. When the show began to make money his so-called wife refused to let him pay off anyone and tried to force us to work. I left and thirteen others followed.

Now in regards to the item in last issue of The Freeman, written by the would-be stage manager, Mr. Joe Norton. If the show was ever run by the bandmaster it was run with talent and brain, not as it is now run by a bunch of so-called performers and musicians out of alleys and dives from the larger cities of Texas, and due respects to the married couples on the private car; the would-be married couple would be kept in their place. They were not huddled together in the same car and sections with married couples, as they are now. Some class to the Allen show now I don't think.

Yours truly,
J. H. McCAMON.

FROM SPARKS' ANNEX BAND AND MINSTREL COMPANY

We are in our fourth week out this season and everything still running nicely. Am glad to see Chas. Rue had a word to say. I hope the rest of the Old Allen bunch will wake up. -- Rastus airship is now with the Sparks Circus and doing good. Would like to hear from Air Ship and Miss Ray. Write me, our route is in The Freeman. -- Mr. A. A. Wright says hello to the entire profession. J. H. McCamon, Busey Gray said write him to Clinton, Ill., care of Sparks Annex band. -- Laura Smith write Jim Ransom, care The Freeman. Have news for you. -- M. McQuitty and Busey Gray sends best wishes to Little Irma and Emmett Bergs. Our little band sends best wishes to all.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

BUSTER & BAILEY MAKE A HIT AT THE GRAND.

Venable Owens and Harper Make Good.

Excepting the first appearance of Buster & Bailey, we had prize fights and fight stories on the bill for the first half. Philip Austin, the original Buster of Buster & Rockpile, and Leo Bailey, formerly of King & Bailey, whose partner died across the sea, constituted the team whose names were a guarantee of good fun, which they furnished and made a hit, Bailey, who looks a little more like a man now since his return from over the troubled sea, was given a nice reception. The white acts were Paul Chase & Co., in the Second Round in which the star was true to life and the support and dialogue was highly satisfactory. The Ross brothers were fine midget boxing athletes. The Arcadia Six were good society dancers and Rossini was fair on the accordeon. The last half of last week had Venable Owens and Harper, who gave good account of themselves in comedy singing and dancing, especially the Harper boy in scientific steps. The white acts were Madam Gertrude, a mind reader, never of interest among colored people, who remained a week, where a strong colored team holdover would draw better. James & Prior had a good clean original comedy depot act. The man's recitation work was fair, but they had a poor finale. De Rosa's cats, cockatoos and monkeys were fine, and Fun in a Barn was a farce by amateurs. Irving Jones & Roy Johnson are billed to open Monday,and Gene Greene week of 17th.

Glenn & Brogsdale Record Breakers at the New Monogram—Butler and Johnson Return Popular.

Will Glenn and Walter Brogsdale, who are now the funniest two blackface comedians on the boards, broke the record in funisms. Butler & Johnson returned as popular as ever and Eloise Johnson danced gracefully. Eleanor Wilson sang her songs well and looked charming. McCray & Brown were two clever little dancing girls who easily won out. They have yet to acquire the art of makeup and hair tidiness. The scenery and back well here needs touching up and the silent clock is a hoodoo.

Bill of the Movies.

STATES—"Beulah," Saturday, May 8th, and "Women and Wine," Sunday, May 9th.

LINCOLN—Clemenceni Case, 8th, and Curious of LaGrade, 9th.

PHOENIX—"The Italian," 8th, and "The Outlaw's Revenge," 9th.

FOUNTAIN—Scout Younger drew big last Sunday.

WASHINGTON—"The Black Box," 8th, and "The Enemies," 9th.

THE ATLAS—"The Engine of Death," 8th, and Spectro, 9th.

The Ways of the Caberets.

The programs at the cabarets will be looked out for lavishly during the coming summer, that is providing they can see the press in the right way. The coming summer is to be a very important one for press agents whom managers of playhouses, cabarets, pool rooms and business places can see, more especially for their own good financially than for the meager benefit to be derived by the press.

Stage Notes and Stroll News.

Ella Hayes has left for Kansas City to sing in Leon Jordan's cabaret for an indefinite period.

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Slow Kid Thompson joined Ringling Bros. Circus here to appear in the summer side show.

Carl Heisen's orchestra at Hotel Stratford has the following musicians: C. R. Lee, A. C. Elgar, F. W. Woods, W. Story, R. Bradshaw, F. Robinson, C. Watson, L. Thomas, D. Lewis and S. Renand.

Jack Smith and Will Minor Cooke recently opened at Toledo with other dates on the Gus Sun circuit to follow.

Clarence Jones has been engaged by Wurletizer Pianola company to play for the player rolls. He is the only colored player on the list.

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"My Keepsake Is My Heart" is the latest lyric by Arthur J. Lamb, music ager of the new Havanashrdlu dluta by Clarence Jones.

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A. E. Bean is manager of the new Havana Stars baseball team, with headquarters at 3737 Dearborn street.

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The following letter was sent to Cecil Watts April 30th:

Mrs. Cecil Watts,
527 South Eleventh street,
Philadelphia, Pa.:

Find enclosed one dollar (money order), which Manager Gibson of the Standard theater of your city sent to the Fund. I give it to you. I regret that the benefit did not realize enough money to contribute to the charities formerly mentioned. If the managers had all responded, success would have been assured.

Very truly,
SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

By Porter & Brown.

At the Theaters.

Gaines & Brown, openers of this week's bill, have an act worthy of mention on any bill. They are real performers and a credit to Negro vaudeville.

Miss Laura Bailey, formerly of the team of Criswell & Bailey, follows in a single that shows her to be a marvel of versatility. From an opening in a beautiful gown, singing a high-class love ballad, to low comedy, doing a green country girl is a jump that is very seldom attempted, even by the most prolific performers. It stamps Miss Bailey as an actress with a real brain. She was compelled to answer to several encores, and was easily the hit of the bill.

Next comes a team that is entirely new to Cincinnati theatergoers, Meyers & Meyers. Mr. Meyers is a black-face comedion who tells his comedy as though it were a funny story and it lingers with you until long after you have left the theater. Mrs. Meyers is a clever singer and dancre, also has a very pleasing stage appearance.

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Local.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Craven, of 1510 John street, was united in marriage Sunday to Mr. Kennedy. It was a very pleasant affair, attended by Mrs. Savannah Jeffrey, Miss Loretta Hodges, Mrs. Nannie Smith, Miss Katie Brown, Mrs. Anne Watts, Messrs. George Reese, Wm. Bowles, Nelson Cleveland, Albert Paris, Daniel A. Watts.

Col. Brown has announced for the Pekin Friday night an old-time cakewalk, to be participated in by Wm. C. Mason, Ohio's undisputed champion, accompanied by Miss Mary Devers as walking partner. The other contestants will be Mr. George Robinson and Miss Viola White and Mr. Everett Duncan and Miss Effie Johnson.

Mr. George Shear, the general electrician of the Lincoln and Pekin theaters, is out of the barrel at last. He appeared Monday morning with a new cap on. He promises the suit and shoes Thursday. Let us hope.

A mistake in last week's issue I would like to correct. It was Miss Rose Brown, of the team of Brown & Pinkey, that I mentioned, instead of Roy Brown, as published. Purely an unavoidable mistake. We hope Miss Brown will take it as such.

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Sports.

The Cincinnati Stars opened their season with Xenia, O., stars at Enterprise park, Sunday, May 2nd, to a large crowd. The home boys won, 4 to 3. The feature of the game was the fielding of "Tip"and Stanley. The Cincinnati Stars play the crack Camp Washington White Sox Sunday, May 9th. Game called at 3 p. m.

Maj. Wm. C. Love and his popular partner, Sergt. Clarence Brown, are already preparing to attend the Supreme Session of the K. of P.'s at Columbus, O., in August. They will be found at the palatial clubrooms of the T. D. I. D. H. club, at 511 West 5th street.

THE FAMOUS ALABAMA MINSTRELS

The Famous Alabama Minstrels are still playing in the state of Kansas to capacity business, headed by Prof. Frank Morlands feature concert band, playing all the standard selections, such as "Morning, Noon and Night," march, "The Battle," Raymond, etc. Prof. Morland also sends his best regards to Geo. Motto on the J. C. O'Brien show No. 2. Would like to hear from Charlie Aldridge, Ed Miller and his York Melephone sends best regards to E. Cheatam and Reid Connor with the Virginia Minstrels. Emmett Loftis says hello Willie Daniels; also Ed Hill sends best regards. Rae and Hampton Wallburg joined us in Harper, Kan., and proved quite an addition to the show; also, Allie Young, better known as the cat on the wire, he, too, is quite a valuable member. Our stage is under the management of the well-known "Billie" Freeman, so you know our show must be a scream from the rising of the curtain to the fall, as it is staged as no other but Billie could stage. He is getting his nightly, singing "Celebration Day in Tennessee." Little Willie Edwards and his trick midget mule, Mickey, are still the big noise on the Alabama, and after the noon-day parade all you can hear is "Did you see Little Willie and his mule?" Gee whiz, couldn't that mule tango. Willie sends best regards to the Pee Wees. The entire company sends best regards to all in and out of the profession. I must make special mention and also must congratulate Billy Freeman, who was united in holy matrimony to the charming Miss Susie Childress, of Cairo, Ill. Mrs. Freeman sends best regards to Miss Annie McCoy and Mr. Butler White.

NEW YORK NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Wilson & Wilson are at the Shubert Theatre, Brooklyn.

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Jones & Johnson are at Erber's Theatre, East St. Louis, Ill.

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Moss & Frey are at the Empress Theater, Seattle, Wash.

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Fiddier & Shelton are at the Emery Theatre, Providence, R. I.

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Howard & Mason are at the Electric Theatre, Kansas City, Mo.

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The Musical Byrons are at the Orpheum Theatre, Seattle, Wash.

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Mr. and Mrs. Storris, of Washington, D. C., are visiting friends in New York and Jersey.

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Don't forget to visit Messrs. Johnny Morris and Eddie Bruce's Cafe, 141 and Lenox avenue. Good music.

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At Diggs' Cafe, 113 W. 135th street, the pleasing entertainers and first class music is a delight to the patrons.

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The Cabaret Show at Woods' Cafe, 2161 5th avenue, N. Y., with well known entertainers, are pleasing the patrons.

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The Bradford Dining Rooms, 73 W. 134th street, a quiet place for quiet people to dine. Don't forget the place when in New York.

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The Misses Lillian Dobbins and Depue, of Brooklyn, appeared at the 14th St. Theatre, N. Y., recently and scored nicely in their act.

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Tabb's Quick Lunch, 566 Lenox avenue, are serving the best cooked food. Performers when in New York just call and be convinced.

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The Crescent Cafe, 126 W. 135th St., presents as its entertainers Tiny Ray and Miss Mildred Creed and they are in a class by themselves.

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Misses Ethel Brown and Johnson are singing some great novelty numbers at Leroy's Cafe, the large dining rooms, are among the finest in Harlem.

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Billy E. Jones, the popular vocalist, is scoring a big success with song hits, "Don't Tell the Folks You Saw Me" and "Don't Take My Darling Boy Away."

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Lee Nichols has joined the Alpha Comedy Four, having replaced Boots Allen. The quartette is now playing through New York State for four weeks.

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GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATRE, PHILADELPHIA.

Sirene Navarro, the singing and dancing commedienne, whose method of presenting songs with distinction, had several new ditties to offer in her act at Gibson's New Standards theater this week. She pleased her audiences and seemed pleased, too, that she was so cordially greeted. Murphy and Thomas, those black-faced comedians, who are droll in their dialogue and who are eccentric in their dancing, made themselves thoroughly agreeable. Johnnie Woods and Little Henry, ventriloquized in in first-class style. The offering of Kenner and Williams, has much that is unusual in fun making and was welcomed with responsive laughter. Decidedly interesting was the acrobatic work of the Three Apollos, who are artists of skill and strength. Crombley and Gillam in their new skit, "The Pullman Porter and the Tramp," proved themselves good entertainers and resourceful. "I Am Going Down Home in Dixie Land," by Crombley, caught on immediately. Haliday, Grant and Haliday in a satire of an unusual sort, rounded out the bill. Despite the fact that Barnum's circus was a strong opposition, the attendance was good. J. H. Gray, 1221 Pine street.

THE DOUGLASS THEATRE. MACON, GA.

(By L. B. Mound, Pianist.)

The Douglass theater is again in full bloom, for Calborn Jones is heading the bill. Mr. Jones is one of the best and funniest comedians on the American stage. Clayborn is quite a favorite around Macon. The new songs and jokes are worth hearing. -- T. J. Castillo comes next on the bill. He does well as a female impersonator. He is singing "Porto Rico Isle," and closing his act with an imitation of Ada Overton Walker's Spanish dance. -- Miss Rubie Jones, former of "Black Patti Troubadours," is making her second week at this house. She makes quite a hit with the song, "When You're a Long Ways From Home," using Amazon Land" as an encore. -- Jno. Williams, better known as "Original Blue Steel," is still making good. -- Miss Ida Cox is making her third engagement at this house. She is singing "Titanic Blues." There will be another big bill slated for next week.

VIRGINIA MINSTRELS.

(Honest Arthur L. Prince.)

Last week the merrymakers made a few stands in New Mexico. The Ofays were O. K., but alas! we've returned to the Rosinjaw district (mean Ofaye). Business is above the average, notwithstanding the fact that storms and washouts continually threaten each performance. On April 30th we showed day and date with Watson & Murdock's White Minstrels at Lockney, Texas. Of course our big band and flash drew the majority of the villagers to the waterproof pavilion. A day previous to the opposition Old Lotus blew up a big storm, but fortunately no one was hurt. Although in the same vicinity the Roy E. Fox Dramatic Company suffered a heavy loss. The tent blew down, a baby was killed by the falling of a quarter pole and forty adults were injured. Our show is running like clockwork since the adjustment of our stage manager, Mrs. Chas. Pewee.

Members of the band are as follows: J. H. McCamon, cornetist and leader; Wm. Randol, cornet; Harry Owens, cornet; Chas. Pewee, cornet; Theodose Adams, clarinet; Fred Kewley, clarinet; Wm. (Son) Shaw, piccolo; Reed Connors, alto; E. Cheatham, alto; Ulysses Everly, trombine; Frank Perryman, trombone; George Triggers, trombone; Arthur L. Prince, trombone; Wm. (Kag) Fisher, baritone; Willie Daniels, tuba; Dick Brown, snare drum; James (Geechy) Garrett, bass drum; Lawrence Baker, librarian.

At present the band is using standard overtures and expect to have some popular melodies very soon. Mr. E. Cheatham, the tenor singer, sends regards to A. J. McFarland and Earnest Watts. Our base ball team, the "Virginia Nevers," had another game at Carlsbad, New Mexico, last Sunday. The score was 11 to 4, in favor of the Carlsbad team. We haven't won a game this season. It is rumored that the "Virginia Soubrettes" will challenge the "Nevers" if the latter fail to win the next game.

STAGEOSCOPE.

By U. Tellit.

The Taylors, mother and son, are very pleasant people to meet. Judging from what they have to say about Mr. Dudley, Mr. Lew Henry and the owners of different theaters they have played recently the Dudley circuit is out there. Lovie is booked indefinitely on the cuestick time. Aside from being a first-class performer, Mrs. Taylor is a good housekeeper and a splendid cook.

WOW ye advertisers, look out. Billy King is on the job with his endless ad. Bill knows how to put things over.

Madam Rosetta Brannum is taking a much needed rest. Bet the Madam will come back to the profession way yonder before July.

Mr. Leon R. Long of the Silas Green Co., has quite a reputation, but Jas. Crosby is due part of Leon's name. Guess what part.

To whom it may interest: Since Mr. R. W. Thompson has found a man in Columbus, Ohio, whom he says can throw the bull, I stopped being in a class by myself. Your sincerely, U. Tellit.

Just because a certain fellow in Memphis can write a lot of good songs is no sign that he is full of note.

We don't understand ye magic pals, but Baby F. Seals has something up his sleeve.

Dear U. Tellit—Can you eat a song up? Hasbery Hattie.

Answer—Sure, if there is "honney" to it, Hat.

Dear U. Tellit—I am subject to head swimming. Have never seen a movie show. Do you think the movies will trouble me? Topsy Turvy Tena.

Answer—Not a bit, but don't try to watch Ginger Jack Wiggins' feet while he is shaking 'em, Te.

PITTSBURG (PA.) NOTES.

Mule and Jeanette Bradford, Majestic theater, 6, 7, 8, Braddock, Pa.

Johnson and Johnson will leave Saturday to open Richmond, Va., Hippodrome theater.

Lincoln Theater—Smith and Smith opened the show and went fairly well. Rollison and Douglas was a riot. Skip Douglas' dance went fine. Rollison's song was a hit. This is a very clean, classy act. Wardrobe very neat. Keep it up boys.

The Warfield Trio did a try out at the Harris theater Monday and passed. Will open Monday, May 10, at the above theater.

Bevry and Washington, the Goodlets, are laying up here this week.

Mr. Lavloff is putting on good acts. Hurrah for Lavloff.

The Star theater will open Monday uder new management. I only wish there was another shrewd manager like J. T. Gibson to make this house pay, because Pittsburg needs a good colored theater.

Abe Minsky says he only had two paying weeks since September and that was when Drake Walker trio and King William's dogs first week and Bradford and Jeanette second week and King Williams dogs. That proves who are drawing cards, don't it.

Kenner and Williams write me, Standard theater, next week. I have something good for you all.

European acts will you quit singing my songs. I have sold them to Kenner and Williams.

SEYMOUR JAMES WRITES FROM THE DIXIE SERENADERS MINSTRELS AT SANTA ROSA, CAL.

The Dixie Serenaders played their last town in the state of Nevada last Saturday, where we closed a week's engagement at The Wigwam theater at Reno, Nev., and is playing this week at the Columbia theater, Santa Rosa, Cal., where business is good. The entire bunch is getting ready for the Frisco trip, where we play five weeks. This cofpany only carries 11 people. The members are James Johnson, manager; Eddie Mackey, Pope & Dallis, wire artists; Newsome & Thompson, sister team; Elton Starks, trombonist and 'cello solist; B. F. Stevens, euphonium soloist; Mrs. Blanch Johnson, soprano and cornetist; James Thompson, stage manager, and Seymour James, the monologist, vocalist and buck and wing dancer. All mail will reach this company by addressing, care the Dixie Serenaders Minstrels, San Francisco, Cal.

VIOLA VAN VLURAH EXPLAINS.

Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sirs: In an article in your issue dated April 10th, Effie King and Nina Marshall claim that I (Viola) was unduly influenced by a male member of the Robinson Trio to quit them without notice. This I want to deny, as it is positively untrue.

I left the trio to come home because my mother needed me, and Effie had told me that she and Nina could do a sister act and that I was not necessary.

I went to the male member of the Robinson, trio explained my predicament and asked him for a week's work to pay my expenses and get my fare home to Toledo. I am home with my mother and would like very much to have things set aright with the public and friends of the profession on the matter, as it is an injustice to me, also the male member of the Robinson trio referred to, who is a business man and who I found to be a gentleman in every respect.

I hope you will print this in your next issue in justice to the parties that have been wronged.

Thanking you one and all and wishing you and your valuable paper long and continued success, I remain

Yours respectfully,
VIOLA VAN VLURAH,
26 South Michigan St.

Formerly of the Three Cuban Nightengales.

THEATRICAL NEWS OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

Martin & Moteley's Merry Makers are in their second week at the Grand theater, Washington, D. C. Members of the company are as follows: Mabell Brown, Chas. Nickerson, Gallie Gaston, Louie Higgins, Olivia Hall, George Byrd, with Clarence Parson, musical director, who will be seen west soon. Gallie Gaston sends regards to the Browns, Jim and Foy and also Doe Doe Green.

DAVID B. PEYTON, JR., MARRIED.

David B. Peyton, Jr., leader of the orchestra of the Grand theater, Chicago, Ill., was privately married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Stewart, Crawford building, 3600 Wabash avenue, to Miss Gedena Dawson, of Paducah, Ky., Saturday, May 1st, at 2 p. m. Rev. Dr. William Gray officiated. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rochon, Sylvester Russell and Mrs. L. H. Bradley were the only persons present. Mr. Peyton's father is ill and was not able to attend.

MRS. LENA HULETT WRITES FROM YANKEE ROBINSON'S THREE-RING CIRCUS.

The show open its season at Adel, Iowa, April 22, and Prof. John Eason's band and minstrels is the feature attraction of the side show annex. Mr. Fred Buchanon, the manager, says Mr. Eason has the best twelve people together this season he has ever had since he has had the band in charge. Our eight-piece orchestra is something grand, the best that has even been with any side show, so boys, you see it can't be beat. Members of the band and minstrels are: Chas. Creath, Sam Smith, Hape Clarkston, Ervin Brown, Archie Bell, Arnett Nelson, Bud Campbell, Hub Bowman, Noah Robinson, and then comes Mrs. Ozella Smith singing "At the Ball," with great success; Mrs. Lena Hulett is singing "Just For Tonight." Then comes Ray L. Williams, of 811 East Poplar street, Harrisburg, Ill., our porter. Every member of the company is well pleased with him, because what it takes to keep the cars clean, he has it. Noah Robinson sends best regards to Earnest Calloway, Ham Douglas. Nuf sed. Will hear from us soon.

NOTES FROM TENY'S U. T. C. CO.

Show opened at Little Sioux, Iowa, April 4th. Everything new this season. The show carries 50 people, 10 are colored performers. They are as follows: Mr. J. H. Beacher, J. Perkins, H. Lipscomb, Chas. Buchum, Mrs. May Lankford, Miss Maudie Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Long and Mr. and Mrs. Neal. The show is also carrying three bands this season. The show is playing to good business.

JACKSON, TENN.

Rev. T. J. Goodall preached his last sermon Sunday night to a very large congregation. Rev. Goodall leaves Friday for Savannah, Ga., where he takes charge of the largest Baptist church in the country.

On the 26th the Ministers' Alliance tendered Rev. and Mrs. Goodall a dinner at Lane tabernacle. All the ministers and their wives and a few friends were present. Rev. Hamlet presided. The following men made short talks concerning the love and esteem in which Rev. and Mrs. Goodall are held in Jackson: Rev. A. M. Womack, of Liberty C. M. E. church; Mrs. L. E. Robinson, of Bethel A. M. E. church; Rev. Father W. A. Bruce, of the Episcopal church; Prof. A. R. Merry, principal of South Jackson high school; Rev. Hamlet, editor of Christian Index; Rev. A. N. Stephens. Rev. Goodall responded to these speeches in a most elegant manner. Rev. Goodall has a natural oratorical gift. The Ministers' Alliance presented Rev. Goodall with a handsome Bible.

The young ladies of Bethel A. M. E. church gave a splendid concert Friday night. A neat sum was realized.

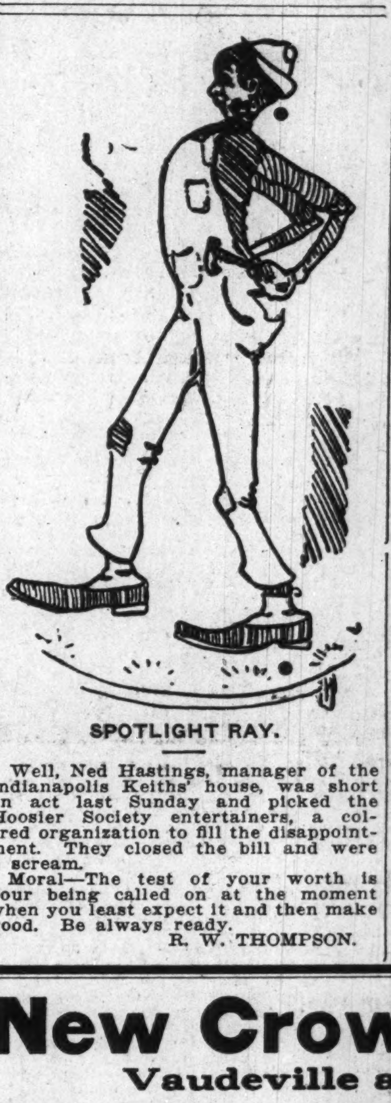
Mr. C. W. Reed of Chicago is in the city visiting friends.

The members of the Berean Baptist church gave a reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Goodall Tuesday night.

Mr. Luke of Tanyard street died suddenly Tuesday night.

TERRELL, TEXAS.

Almost continuous rains the last few days have greatly hindered the second quarterly conference of Terrell and Elmo station, which was held in Elmo on the 24th and 25th. Rev. J. E. Rains, P. E. Rev. E. G. Young accompanied the presiding elder to Terrell Sunday evening to preach at night. Owing to inclement weather there were but a few out to hear him. Collection, $26. -- Mr. James Hall, G. W. Johnson attended the quarterly conference at Elmo Saturday. -- On account of high water Saturday evening, the trains could not pass through Grandsaline. Mr. James Hall had to walk back home from Elmo at night.-- Rev. E. G. Young left Monday morning for Texarkana, where he spent the week with his family. -- Rev. J. E. Raines, presiding elder, left Monday morning on No. 22 at 9:12 o'clock, for his next appointment. -- Mr. Knilke Sakkan showed in Elmo last Thursday and Friday night at the C. M. E. with much success. Donated to the church $6. He showed here Monday and Tuesday nights to a crowded house. -- Mr. Jocie Adams, of Cartwright Switch, is visiting his mother and friends this week. -- Rev. A. G. Gorden began his revival Monday night.


SPOTLIGHT RAY.

Well, Ned Hastings, manager of the Indianapolis Keiths' house, was short an act last Sunday and picked the Hoosier Society entertainers, a colored organization to fill the disappointment. They closed the bill and were a scream.

Moral—The test of your worth is your being called on at the moment when you least expect it and then make good. Be always ready.

R. W. THOMPSON.

WICKLIFFE, KY.

On May 2 Rev. William Jane occupied the pulpit at 11 o'clock and he delivered one of his great sermons. 1st John 3:13, "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you."

May 1st the court dismissed Robert Candy, who had been in prison 30 days for trespassing. No bill was made against him.

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Marshalls' Happy Days in Dixieland—Newton, Kans., week of May 10.

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Baker, Lawrence
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Curry, James.
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Davenport, Willie.
Eiter, W. A.
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Wallace, R. T.
White, James.
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Brown, Mrs. Mary.
Burton, Dorothy.
Beadles, Sadie
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Burton, India
Crippen, Katie.
Cooper, Madoline.
Daniels, Mrs. Lillian.
Dorsey & Lazzo.
Delk, Tootsie.
Foster, Emma L.
Josephine, D. A.
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Moore, Effie.
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As a matter of politeness Japan should have deferred its program of aggression until some other time.

When the next gale blows from the East, Japan and China may be flying at their respective throats—Patrick Henry brought down to date.

The British are still anteing their ships. They, true enough, are small coin. Bobbie Burns says many a mickle makes a muckle, or something like that.

The Freeman appreciates the invitation to be present at the thirty-fourth anniversary of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, May 20-27. Baccalaureate sermon by Dean D. S. Moten, B. D., Ph. D. Closing address by Bishop C. S. Smith, D. D., LL. D.

As to that recordership of deed business at Washington, D. C., we are inclined to think that Bishop Walters is a new Barkis. He is willin'. Not that we understand that he has been offered the place. He just naturally likes politics. The inference is that he also likes the awards of politics.

What do you think of it? Donn Roberts, formerly mayor of Terre Haute, Ind., now a prisoner at Leavenworth, Kans., expects a Negro lawyer to get him out of the toils by the habeas corpus route. It is said that this lawyer is noted for his success in habeas corpus proceedings. The story may be true, but it don't jingle right.

"The Birth of a Nation," the moving picture that has caused the down East sensation, is not "locatable" this week. It is a regular Kron Prinz of a proposition—may be laying up for repairs. When it takes midocean again (the pictures) the scouts will be hot on their trail. A very rough "sea" voyage is promised and when there isn't a thing the matter with the elements.

While struggling upwards it would be well not to forget that our circumstances are the best of our race variety. We do not owe this to ourselves, a rather shameful admission, but absolutely to those with whom we are still contending for more liberty. We do not mean that we should be satisfied at this stage of progress and no further contend. We mean that we should now and then secretly rejoice because of what we were and what we now are. This joy added to the natural agony of men at times because of man's inhumanity to man should average a beautiful calm at the most while, meaning the making of our way along the line of the least resistance to the most satisfactory situation that is ours to attain. The march is on and as strong as the Amazon to the sea. There may be deflection at times that retard, but while lingering in weakness here, strength is gained elsewhere. The old natural philosophical law fits our case to a nicety, that what is lost in velocity is gained in power.

Robert T. Lincoln, chairman of the board of directors of the Pullman Company, has come to the conclusion that the wage system of the company is wrong. It pays $27.50 a month as salaries to the porters, making it necessary that they get theirs otherwise. This otherwise is the well known tipping system which has its advantages and drawbacks. Mr. Lincoln is the son of the late lamented President Lincoln. He seems to have a touch of his father's kindly spirit, cherishing his memory in this respect, the regard for the Negroes. He said that the wage system was antiquated and had given him considerable annoyance. He stated a truth when he said that the employment afforded the Negro by the Pullman Company has been one of the most uplifting opportunities the race has had. The Pullman Company has been a Godsend to many young Negroes who wished to be something. It was their only bank account, and on which they drew to help themselves through schools from which they emerged as doctors, dentists, lawyers, ministers and business men, not to speak of the thousands who have become prosperous though untitled citizens.

AT THE HAGUE.

The International Women's Peace Congress now in session at The Hague is a very needy congress. If it succeeds in its work the greatest blessing possible will be due the women, and the world will also receive its greatest blessing. At no time in the world's history has there been such turmoil, such a general upheaval as there is now on. Latter day civilization has made for peculiar disaster, and which is so widespread that it should sound its own death note—this war should sound its own death note.

Men have not been very liberal in their views concerning woman's suffrage, and it stands to reason because of what custom has taught. Men will be forced to greatly modify their views if it turns out that it falls to the lot of women to interdict the great slaughter of human kind that is now going on—to put a ban on it for all time to come. The imaginary mind can easily conceive, in the event of success, that they were reserved to this day, to play the best card in human affairs at the most needy time. Should their labor be crowned with success it will be easy to think of them, in their new movement, the suffragette movement, as prepared for this day as Abraham Lincoln was prepared for his day, as Jesus Christ was prepared for His day.

If divinity is an actual daily factor in the affairs of men we will be forced to believe that the women are to play some important part in the world's affairs. Complicated citizenship in countries of advanced civilization has spontaneously suggested and advised their coming, then, if we will hold that divinity entrusts our destiny to our sweet wills. It seems to be one or the other, and in either event the result is divine if they defeat and beat back the program of woe which their brothers insist on enacting. Indeed, these brothers do not seem to care how charged with punishment is the scroll.

> In the fell clutch of circumstance
> I have not winced nor cried aloud;
> Under the bludgeonings of chance
> My head is bloody, but unbowed.
> —Henley.

This is a most fitting apostrophe to the present war and to the state of mind of those managing it. It may be all right as the sentiment of an indivadual standing for the individual in opposition to injustice and oppression. It is no creed for the millions in great divisions of units. In all of this there is wrong and cruelty which finds no law of justification. The women at The Hague, we hope, will put a new song in the mouths of men.

Art seizes on women as the subject of its symbols when picturing the goodly atributes, and sometimes the meaner ones, but nevertheless it is woman. She is justice, love, mercy. The Fates, The Furies. Should she be the means of peace at The Hague, Peace will be her peculiar emblem; not because artists have chosen to make it so, but because she has won it battling in her own way—winning a bloodless victory—discounting at once the vain glorious of the world's combined wars.

A news dispatch speaking of the conference says:

> Besides the 866 Dutch delegates, the gathering, which was presided over by Aletta Jacobs, comprised fifty-one women from America, three from Austria, nine from Denmark, five from Belgium (who arrived by special permission of the German military authorities), nine from Hungary, twelve from Sweden, fifteen from Norway, twelve from Germany, two from Great Britain and one each from Chili, Armenia, Italy and Canada.

Many touching addresses were made the burden of which was more love to the world of mankind. Peace was the keynote, and which none forgot to sound. They overlooked the lines that marked them off as separate races, insisting on viewing the world of womankind as a sisterhood. All women, at heart, are for peace, said they, and such is the fact, yet obdurate man would see it otherwise. And because he is wedded to his idol, the women are moving up, as if to fulfill the oft repeated saying that the first shall be last.

A SHABBY TURN.

To the Editor of The Freeman:

My Dear Sir—I feel it my duty to make this public statement to the friends of this city, who so generously assisted me in making the Spencer Recital February 14th such an overwhelming success in order to inform them as to the facts in the case regarding her leaving the city so suddenly a week ago.

Miss Spencer came to me a few months ago and asked me to assist in getting before the public for a recital in order that she might be able to get a harp, so that she might have something to practice on, as she desired to become a noted harpist, but that she had no one to help her.

Thinking her worthy and sincere I called upon my friends to help me. They generously responded and the recital was a success, I succeeding in raising from the recital $182.50. After the expenses of $42.50 were paid there was a balance of $140 left. I added to this amount $160 to make out the $300 first payment required in order that she might get the harp.

After the recital was over, she came to my house and begged me to give her a home, saying she had been offered a home in Chicago, but did not want to go, that she preferred coming to me. I told her that I had been so badly deceived in girls that I did not want to take her.

She continued to come here for two months and begged my forelady, Miss Alice P. Kelley to plead with me in her behalf until I at last decided to give her a home.

After she had been here about six weeks and being treated like one of my own family, not withstanding I was paying her a salary of $6.00 per week, without any provocation whatever, she left the house on Monday noon, saying that she was going to the drug store to get something for the headache and would return in a few minutes. She remained away all night, came home on Tuesday morning at 6 a. m., before any of us were down stairs and stole out everything she had, including the harp, which I had given bond for to the amount of $1,000.

Had she intimated that she was dissatisfied, I would have willingly given her permission to go, and would have consented for her to take the harp. The only thing I would have done was to have been released from the bond. She had no reason for this action, as I never gave her a cross word the whole time she was here.

Now I want to say and this is final, I am through helping so-called worthy people. There isn't a day that I am not besieged by people for help, either individuals, or by letter, and as near as I could, I have tried to reach them, or help them in some way. In the future all appeals will be turned down and letters consigned to the waste basket.

Yours,
MME. C. J. WALKER.

The public, doubtless, will be very much surprised to know that Madame Walker has been so shabbily treated after having done what she did for the young lady. We are going on the presumption that the facts in the case are as the Madame gives them. Of course, there are two sides to every question, and this one is not different. But we can not conceive of what the young lady can answer to what appears a plain array of facts.

That she left the Madame in the lurch for the harp is the most painful thing. How can the young lady explain this away? If she is really guilty of all of which she is charged she has very much to answer for.

Madame Walker is known for her benevolence. The poor and needy have not appealed to her in vain. She has set the pace in all the greater movements for good, taking the part of many instead of one. Whatever may be the private notions of her bounty we all know that she has come clean in her promises; no shady transaction is traced to her since she has been among us. We know of her as one who merits the highest consideration. Lady bountiful is her other name and with the thought goes that of wholesome interest in whatever of good goes on among us.

We do not like the conclusion of her complaint where she says she is through. This is the bitterest speech that has ever come from her. Yet, we ask, can you blame her? After having paid $160 additional on the harp to make up the $300 she finds herself faced with an indebtedness of $700 more. We can't blame her very much. We hope that she will keep on in the same sweet way, dispensing charities, giving alms, feeling that one bluebird does not make a summer. That offender does not taint the whole race.

POLITICAL OFFICES.

The Indianapolis Star in an editorial Monday had it that Senator Kern is reported as having given assurance that Bishop Alexander Walters, if appointed recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia, will be confirmed by the Senate. This may have been the report, but we understood it different. However, what was said was of some value, in that the publication gave its estimate of the Bishop, holding that he could not afford to take the office because of his worth in his present capacity.

Following is what the Star had to say of the bishop:

> That will appeal to some of the bishop's friends as good news and to others as no cause for congratulation. Politicians and some thoughtless people will consider such an appointment as an honor. Others, who take a larger view of the bishop's ability, will be inclined to the opinion that the appointment will mean a waste of his time and influence.
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> Bishop Walters has been a leader among the colored men of the country during more than a generation. He has served as bishop of his denomination more than twenty-three years. He has been elected seven times as the president of the Afro-American Council. He repeatedly has acted as delegate to religious councils, both national and international, and has been an active factor in many of the movements for the uplift of the members of his race.
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> He has been and is a power for good in a cause needing men of capacity. No doubt he would make a good recorder of deeds, but there are scores of other colored men who could do as well in the place. It seems too bad to bury a man of such wide ability and usefulness in a routine position that might be filled by almost any man of average intelligence. The bishop owes it to himself and to his fellow men to make better use of his talents.

Bishop Walters, doubtless, will be pleased to know that such a faithful tab has been kept on him, especially since the recital is so complimentary. The report as we understand it was that if a Negro was selected, that he would be confirmed. The president was speaking to the bishop. It may be that the distinguished churchman is the man in view. It is not the first time that his name has been connected with the receivership of recorder of deeds of Washington, D. C.

In spite of the bishop's usefulness to his church and race as he is, it is very well known that it is exceedingly difficult for him to resist the glamour of politics. If real, actual politics, speechmaking and all that go to make up the life it would be just like him to accept the office of recordership of deeds were it tendered him. His brother churchmen of the bench, more than once, have had to sit down on him, owing to his political activity. This activity is not to be thought of as pernicious, but it was thought to be too aggressive for a churchman of his standing. He plead the race cause, always, as his defense, and always won over his challengers to his way of thinking. And the bishop has maintained his position most thoroughly, that he was fighting the battles of the race through politics. Since the necessity for doing so has ever been more or less aparent he had an easy case to win.

Speaking of Negroes being appointed to office under this administration, we said at another time there was not much reason for hope. President Wilson in his effort to win the office led the Negroes to hope for too much. They are not to be blamed for their great trust in a possible president. This possible president when promising consideration before the election pledged himself as a gentleman and a Christian to see to it that the Negro would fare well at his hands. Mr. Trotter, when in Indianapolis, called attention to Mr. Wilson's splendid attitude, promising more than was expected and in unexpected terms. Mr. Trotter said that the president's repudiation of his "contract" was stunningly complete, and for that reason he broke away from the party. Bishop Walters, it appears, has not sufficient reason to recant his alliance. However, he became weak-kneed, sulked in his tent, to be called out in this hour when the battle is waging sore against the administration.

We also said at another time that the offices were not so much desired by the race in general as proper civil consideration for the whole race. We had in mind segregation and similar great civil ills which are so destructive to manhood. The offices, of course, are desired in the sense that they are signs of that same civil consideration, not that they should be at the expense of greater race freedom.

In this connection we hold that the president should maintain and show the same respect that his predecessors have shown, especially those of his own party—the one in the instance, Grover Cleveland. Mr. Wilson is quoter as broad and scholarly. Such men know that the treatment that makes and unmakes a people. For themselves they accept nothing except a limitless citizenship, seeing that no man has a single right which does not also inhere in themselves. Our race is asking the thing theoretically, knowing that there is much that prevents the practical working of the rule.

Mr. Wilson was very thoughtful in getting a Negro post-haste to Liberia, Africa. So far our case rested right there. If it were his policy to send Negroes to where they were wanted, he did his theory violence by sending a white man to Hayti, a land of Negroes. His administration is very impolitic in that it does not give one or two first-class positions to the race. It cannot feel greatly in sympathy with the country if it is continually being politically black-balled. Why not have our friendship when the cost is so little? There is evidence right now that every mother's son of us is needed for our country. If we are studiously alienated, what can result but alienation?

We are very thankful to our own Senator Kern and other Democrats of Congress who have fought the program of the new enslavement from the beginning of the present administration until the present time. But in spite of their valor in battling for us we may charge some of our salvation to those very war clouds which hover so densely over Europe and which dulls the brightness of the day around the globe. It has taught the lesson that every mother's son of us is needed for the defense of home.

Rev. Aaron W. Puller and Editor Wm. Monroe Trotter, who was arrested during the demonstration in Boston owing to the production of the picture play, "The Birth of a Nation," was acquitted of the charges of inciting a riot and disturbing the peace. The judge said that the two persons responsible for the near riot were the policeman in plain clothes who struck Mr. Trotter and the ticket seller at the theatre who drew the color line. He stood firmly for the colored people.

RUBE FOSTER'S GIANTS WIN AGAIN.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 5.—(Special)—The American Giants proved on Sunday that they are not only an infield team of the first water but can hit. The Gunthers are the crack team (white) and came on the Southside purposely to defeat Mr. Foster and his prize winners. It was another shutout. Foster's "boys" with Gatewell in the box trimmed the visitors 5 to 0. The usual 6,000 crowd was not present on account of the clouds being heavy and looking like rain, which it did at the close of the fifth inning. Mr. Gatewell was in fine form. His charming wife sat in the box and saw him as he would twirl the ball across home plate and Geokle would yell, strike! He had his game won in the third inning. The visitors could not see Mr. Gatewood but the Giants oversaw Mr. Brown for the Gunthers when our boys got four hits and four scores and brought in another in the fourth inning. Pete Hill was at the bag and did as well as in center. "Pete," as we all know him, is an all-round ball player. The score:

Am. Giants.	R.	H.	P.	A.
Barber, 1b	0	0	6	0
Hill, c.	0	1	2	1
Duncan, lf.	1	0	4	1
McNair, cf.	1	0	0	0
Hutchinson, ss.	0	1	2	1
Francis, 3b.	0	0	0	3
Bauch'n, 2b.	1	1	1	3
Jenkins, rf.	(1	1	0	0
Gatewood, p.	1	1	0	0
Totals	5	5	15	9

Gunthers.	R.	H.	P.	A.
Wiesner, ss.	0	0	0	1
Madigan, rf.	0	1	2	0
Jones, cf.	0	0	2	0
Miller, 1b.	0	0	6	1
Geiser, lf.	0	0	0	0
Asmussen, c.	0	1	1	1
Thueml'g, 3b.	0	0	1	0
Sullivan, 2b.	0	0	0	3
Brown, p.	0	0	0	0
O'Neill, p.	0	0	0	1
Totals	0	2	12	7

Giants ....0 0 4 1 *—5
Gunthers ....0 0 0 0 0—0

Errors—Weisner, Asmussen. Struck out—By Gatewood, 1. Bases on balls—Off Gatewood, 3; off Brown, 2; off O'Neil 1. Umpire—Grechel.

Another big game is scheduled for Sunday. The race has caught the baseball spirit and they are as much interested in baseball as fans of the White Sox. Nothing happens here on Sunday to take the crowd from the American Giants Park. Its Giants, first, last and always. Mr. Foster expects to have the best teams available here during the season. At all times he hopes to give the fans a run for their money. Box seats are now on sale.

SPRUDELS REPEAT ON A. B. C's.

Springs Team Wins 3 to 2—Manager Taylor Bats in Ninth.

WEST BADEN, Ind., April 29.—The Sprudels won again from the A. B. C's. in one of the best games played at West Baden. Casey, a young southpaw, held the A. B. C's. to two hits. Dismukes was on the mound for the visitors and allowed the Sprudels seven scattered hits. The catch of Blackwell in the ninth inning was the feature of the game, which saved the game for the Sprudels. C. I. Taylor, manager, went in as a pinch hitter, with two men on, and drove one in the canvas to left filed, but Blackwell reached it with a phenomenal catch. Score:

A. B. C's.......0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1—2 2 2
Sprudels.......0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 0—3 7 1

Batteries—Powell and Dismukes; Casey and Johnson.

YES, HE WEAKENED.

WEST BADEN, Ind., May 4.—The Sprudels lost to the Louisville White Sox in a one-sided game, 11 to 5. Casey, on the mound for the Sprudels, seemed to weaken in the sixth. Hanker pitched for the White Sox and held the Sprudels safe throughout. Score:

Sox ....2 0 0 1 1 6 0 1 0—11
Sprudels .0 0 1 0 0 0 4 0 0— 5

Batteries—Hacker and Jones; Casey and Johnson.

SPRUDELS WIN AGAIN.

WEST BADEN, Ind., May 5.—"Hub" Miller again beat the White Sox today. Kimbrough showed himself back in form by sending out a triple and double. Score:

White Sox ....0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0—2
Sprudels ....2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 *—4

Batteries—Dandy and Jones; Miller and Johnson.

The A. B. C.'s and the Merits staged a three-inning contest last Sunday at Northwestern Park, rain ending the contest with the score 3 to 3.

CHICAGO GIANTS COMING FOR GAME WITH A. B. C.'S

Strong Chicago Aggregation to Open Three-Game Series Here Sunday.

The Chicago Giants, one of the leading independent clubs of the Windy City, will play the A. B. C.'s a three-game series at Northwestern Park, starting Sunday. The Giants have played at the local park a number of times and are great favorites with the fans. The boys from the Windy City were the first to defeat Taylor's aggregation last season, turning the trick after the local team had won sixteen straight games.

The A. B. C.'s with the addition of Second Baseman DeMoss of the French Lick Plutos, look to be one of the best colored clubs in the business. In the hurling department, Taylor has lined up three crack pitchers in Dismukes, Johnson and Charleston. The famous West Baden Sprudels will play a three-game series following the Giants.

NEW YORK BLACK SOX TO INVADE THE EAST

W. T. Smith, known in base ball circles as "Big Bill" is getting the New York Black Sox in shape to make a tour of the west. Manager Smith is a thorough and practical baseball man, having managed the Brooklyn Royal Giants and Mohawk Giants successfully. Knowing the strength of the teams located in Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis and Louisville, he realizes the importance of having a first-class aggregation. Washington, D. C., has several first-class men, who will be seen in the line-up of the Black Sox this season. Manager Smith can be addressed at 916 French street, Washington, D. C.

ANDERSON EASY FOR JACK DILLON

Indianapolis Middleweight Stops His Heavy Opponent in Six Rounds.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 4.—Jack Dillon tonight added Andres Anderson's scalp to his list of victims by knocking him out in the sixth round of what was to have been a ten-round bout, at the Lexington Athletic Association arena. A big crowd, composed mostly of horsemen and turf followers, witnessed the mill.

Dillon had the better of the fighting from the start, but not until the fifth round did his blows tell effectively, the gong saving Anderson in this round. Dillon got busy at the beginning of the sixth round, and landing a hard right cross to Anderson's jaw, ended the battle. Anderson had about thirty-five pounds the advantage in weight.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Louisville, Ky., May 2.—The West Baden Sprudels defeated the Louisville White Sox here today in a six-inning game, the score being 8 to 4.

KENOSHA, WIS.

By P. R. Savilles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carter, of 652 Pleasant street, gave a social in honor of Mr. Lee Roy Allen, of Chicago, and the affair was largely attended. Mr. Allen and Mr. A. Dodge rendered the music. Mrs. A. Dodge gave a piano recital which was the feature of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carter have recently installed a new piano and their friends surely enjoy going to hear Mr. Carter play those Weary Blues, dancing and refreshments aplenty that went to make a pleasant evening for all, after which Mr. Allen returned to the city. -- Mr. and Mrs. K. Dodge have moved to Chicago, their new address is 4534 South State street. Their many friends regret much to see them leave the city, as they are very pleasant and entertaining. Mr. Dodge gave up an awful good job in which he had mastered for more than six years with the Frost Manufacturing Co. Mr. Dodge has the best wishes of all Kenosha in his new undertaking. -- Mrs. Clara Noblett, of Portland, Me., who is visiting her mother, 102 Park street, sprained her anklo last week, which caused her much pain. Mrs. Noblett anticipated on returning home this week, but the accident will mean two more weeks for her stay in the city. Her many friends are glad that the stay will be extended, but are sorry of the accident, and will miss Mrs. Noblett, and regret much to see her return home again. -- About the gentleman saying there was no one in the city for his wife to associate with in case she moved to the city, is like a number of other things that has been started. Small town people have, as a rule, small ways. We wish the mouser would chew chewing gum instead of chewing the rag, and there would be no time for his mind to lead his tongue to evil thought of others that don't have this to think about. -- P. R. Savilles attended a large meeting Saturday evening May 1, and says his experience is worth a thousand dollars. While in the city he stopped at the Y. M. C. A., which he found to be a beautiful building and everything up-to-date and compliment the Y. M. C. A. of Chicago as they are progressing as I love to see them.

BRUNSWICK, GA.

On last Tuesday night the new Glynn concert band was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Meridy at their home, 816 Amherst street. Quite a large crowd of Mr. and Mrs. Meridy's friends were present. An appetizing beverage was first on the menu, then came the salad, or sole de lettuce and juicy fruit punch, ice cream and cake. After all were served they had a dance in the parlor.

The Acme Tailors have now opened up their fashionable tailoring, cleaning, pressing and repairing shop at 203 Monk street. They will make your clothes on short notice or press them at once. Give them a trial on your clothes. William Phoenix, manager. Phone 546.

Mrs. D. P. Pyles would like very much to hear from her uncle, Hampy Wollburg, and wife, Mrs. Roe Wollburg.

Having read of your handbag money and diamonds being stolen from your place, let me hear from you at once. Address 1611 Mansfield street.

On last Sunday at Grace M. E. church Mr. Freddie Wright, one of the most talented tenor songsters of the south, sang that beautiful ballad, "Hold Thou My Hand," accompanied by Prof. W. A. Perry. To hear Mr. Wright you would think you were listening to Caruso or Harry Macdonough.

THE FREEMAN ON SALE IN CINCINNATI, OHIO.

The Freeman on sale at the Pekin Theater, 536 West Fifth avenue. Col Brown, agent.

THOMAS F. BLUE TO SPEAK AT RICHMOND, VA.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Thomas F. Blue, who has been in charge of the colored branch of the Louisville Free Public Library for the past ten years, and is now in charge of the two colored branches, has been invited to speak at the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of Wayland and Richmond Institute, Richmond, Va., June 2.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

Mother's Day services at the Freeman chapel Sunday were well attended. Rev. Copeland, the pastor, preached a most impressive and touching sermon. He spoke at length on the love a mother has for her child.

The concrete walk in front of Lane's Tabernacle, which the Busy Bee Club of that church is having constructed, is nearing completion.

Mrs. Tibby has been indisposed for several days at her home in Fifth street.

Mrs. Willie Gooch Watson, of Madisonville, attended the Epworth League at Lane's Tabernacle last week the guest of Mrs. Minnie Tate.

Mr. Floyd Small, of this city, and Miss Ruth Hagans, of Ormistead, Ky., were quietly married Saturday, April 26, at the home of the groom.

Mrs. Lucy Phelps, of Earlington, spent a few days in the city last week.

JACKSON, MISS.

Mme. Walker Booker, who has been in Jackson for the past week, spoke at the A. M. E. church Sunday, May 2nd, to a crowded house. While here Mme. Booker has spoken at the Y. M. C. A., the C. M. E. church and the Temple, and has had large audiences every place she has spoken during her stay in the city. -- The Union Base Ball Club will play their opening game with the Nashville Giants at League Park May 10, 11 and 12, and will leave home on the 14th for Yazoo City and Ark. Line-up as follows: P. Harper, catch; F. Cook, right field; J. Bates, center field; J. Wright, left field; J. Anderson, third base; E. Williams, second base; A. Belle, short stop; S. Hubbard, first base; A. Simpson, catch; D. Knight, pitch; L. Small, pitch; E. Coats, second base; W. McCray, manager.

FIRST TO ENTER CONTEST.

Miss Annie Johnson, of Brunswick, Mo., First to Be Nominated for Trip to Panama Exposition.

Miss Annice Johnson, of Brunswick, Mo., is the first candidate to be nominated for The Freeman's free trip to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Miss Johnson has (552) votes to her credit up to date.

Candidates for the Panama-Pacific Exposition should report each week by not later than Tuesday in order that the number of votes can be published each week.

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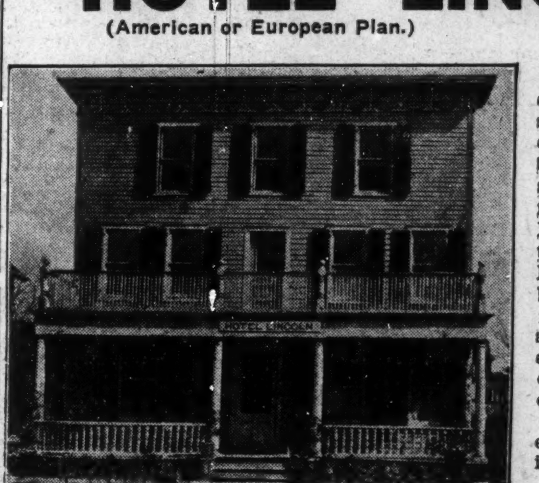

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The first year's subscription to **The Freeman** of $1.50 gives 500 votes and nominates the candidate.

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Begin today if you want to go. Anyone can enter contest.

Anyone in the contest that fail to get the 2,500 votes, but get one-fourth of the amount (625 votes) will be allowed 25 per cent. of all the money they send in. Contestants must report once a week by not later than Tuesday, in order that the number of votes can be published each week.

Send all money by Post Office Money Order or Express Money Order payable to **The Freeman.**

The contest will close October 1. Parties can go any time the required number of votes are secured.

The Panama Pacific International Exposition closes Dec. 4, 1915. For further information write **The Freeman.**

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The Indianapolis Freeman's Trip to Panama Pacific Exposition!

This nominating blank is worth 500 votes if accompanied with one subscription.

I hereby nominate..
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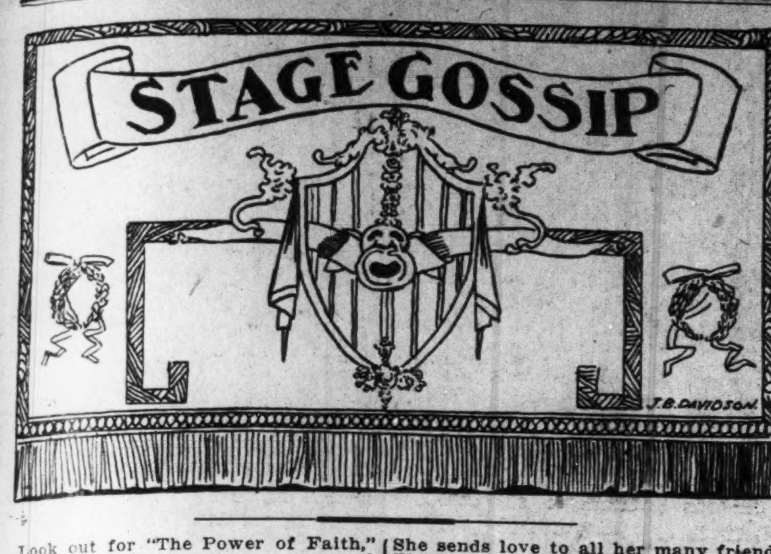

Look out for "The Power of Faith," Minor's great drama.

Green and Pugh at the Columbia theater this week, Detroit, Mich.

Bailey & Bailey, Alex and Carrie, are now in their third week at the Menelik theater, Orlando, Fla.

Leon, the magician, is going big each night with the Silas Green Co., in old North Carolina.

Gussie Tailor is with the Silas Green Co., singing "You Made Me Love You." Going big every night.

Coleman L. Minor says that he has something up his sleeve bigger and better than the midnight ramble.

Leroy Knox has been ailing with his throat for the last week. Regards to Smith and Smith, also Freddie Pratt.

John Hedge is at the National theatre, Sydney, Australia. He would like to hear from a good girl performer.

Edna Barrett wishes to hear from Mr. Archie Hurdlestone and Mrs. Marie Williams. Address, care of The Freeman.

Mr. Gus Raney will open the big family Hippodrome at Galveston, Tex., this month with pictures and vaudeville.

Miss Alice Russell joined the Silas Green company at Plymouth, N. C., Monday, May 2; also, Elizabeth Van Clay.

Billie Zeek and Martha Copeland are still working together, playing their second week at Nashville, Tenn. Making good as usual.

Frank H. Dukes, singing and dancing comedian, with the M. Ferdon Co., Urbana, Ohio. Say, Jack Wiggins, write me, care The Freeman.

Tom Scott, of the team of Scott & Crosby, is one of the principal comedians with the J. C. O'Brien's Famous Georgia Minstrels No. 2 show.

Emma Fredrick is now entertaining with much success at the Panama, 35th and State street, Chicago. She sends regards to free and The Freeman.

Hill Sisters, after making three successful weeks in Norfolk, Va., will play a return date at the Dixie Theatre, Richmond, Va., week of May 10th.

Eloise Johnson is contemplating a few weeks' of rest from the stage. She is a strenuous little worker, the result of which is a tendency towards nervous prostration.

James Day, of the team of Day & Gulfport is in trouble at Leeds, Mo. He needs $100. He will have to get the amount or serve for one year. He asks the performers to help him.

Jack Wiggins is now by himself, but will soon join his former partners, the female Wiggins. He is in Kansas City, Mo., this week with the original Billy King at the Criterion theater.

Alonzo Noel, clarinetist, recently a member of Royal band and orchestra, Lake Charles, La., is now located at 714 26th street, Galveston, Texas. E. Alfred, C. B. and Bonnie Drew write.

Berner Marsey, ventriloquist and magician, is en route with the Rabbit Foot's Minstrels, the big feature attraction. He and his partner, little Tommy," creates a sensation wherever they go.

Owing to the fact that there are other teams known as Davis & Davis, the team of that name playing at the Crown Garden theater, Indianapolis, this week, will be known in the future as Davis & Elmore.

E. Alfred Drew, the juggling jester and slack wire artist, is still holding his audience spellbound doing some of the most daring, death-defying tricks on the high wire, with the J. C. O'Brien's Minstrel No. 2 show now in the State of Missouri.

Burton & Mitchell still playing houses on New England Circuit. New Theatre, Portsmouth, N. H., May 3rd; Academy, Keen, N. H., May 6th. After this date my partner, Miss Lelia B. Mitchell, will leave to open up her villa in Asbury Park, N. J. Burton will be working single until further notice.

P. L. Jenkins, trombonist, late of A. G. Allen's Minstrels, is now connected with The Handy and Eckford bands at his home town in Memphis, Tenn., where they sing, talk, play, dance and even dream those "Memphis Blues." Address, 214 North Turley street. Regards to Prof. McCammon and all friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henderson are still at 209 East First street, Oklahoma City, Okla., and send regards to all friends in and out of the profession. Would like very much to hear from Mr. Best Delo and Mr. Reed Connor. When you don't know where to find us, Jane Crosby, write care The Freeman. We get it every Saturday.

Mahlon C. Wilson, who, for the season of 1912-13 was with Geyers Dandy Dixie Minstrels and 1914 with Miller & Arlington's 101 Ranch Wild West, is at home, 321 Centennial avenue, and sends regards to all his friends. Hello L. K. Baker; don't let them handle the lights in front of the band stage. Hello to the rest of 101 buch. Would like to hear from J. M. Henderson, John Dennis, Allie Young and all my friends.

Mr. James E. Simpson, known in the profession as "Happ Simpson," the jolly tramp, acrobat and barrel jumper, lost his beloved mother, Mrs. Mattie Simpson, No. 224 Front avenue, Buffalo, N. Y. She closed her eyes in peaceful sleep Wednesday night, April 28th, at 10 o'clock. Owing to business difficulties it was impossible for her oldest son, James E., to attend the funeral and it grieved him greatly. She left behind to mourn her loss, a husband, daughter and two sons, Mr. Charles Simpson, Miss Leona Simpson, James E., and Roscoe Conklin Simpson.

NOTES FROM THE WILLIAMS & STEVENS RICHEST COON IN GEORGIA COMPANY.

Since its opening has done very little business, but being backed by men of money, everything has gone along smoothly. Williams and Stevens seem well pleased with their company, their band of fourteen pieces is the best heard in the New England states in years. We finished up with N. B. last week. We have witnessed some very cold weather, but everything's all right now. Mr. Geo. McCoy, understudy of Mr. C. H. Williams, is a shining light in the company. Every member holds his or her own and all are working hard.

NOTES FROM WOLFSCALE'S BAND WITH BARNUM & BAILEY.

We are now in the last part of the week in Philadelphia. Despite the rainy weather we have been having, business has been great. Mr. Jas. Dorsey, bass player, joined us at Philadelphia, making a twenty-piece band. The band splits up during parade, making two colored bands. Mr. and Mrs. Prince Venerable and Mr. Frank Washington were visitors during the week here. Mr. Venerable will soon join the Ringling Bros. show. Prof. Wolfcale sends regards to Prof. Jas. Harris, Prof. R. Pope, and Prof. P. G. Lowery and all friends in and out ofthe profession. Princess Wee Wee, the little colored doll lady and smallest woman in the world, is with us again this season. She sends love to all her many friends. The roster of Prof. Wolfscale's band is as follows: Prof. Jas. Wolfscale, cornet and director; Roy Wolfscale, cornet and assistant director; Albert Franklin, cornet; C. Mickens, cornet; A. Madison, cornet; Ernest Smith, baritone; Kilmer Jackson, bass; Jas. Dorsey, bass; Fred (Cat) Garland, trombone; Steven Robison, trombone; Wm. Moorehead, trombone; Harvey Holland, trombone and orchestra leader; Ray Wolfscale, alto; Earl Johnson, alto; Leon Gray, drums; Slim Mason, drums; Troy Wolfscale, alto and trap drums. Best regards to all friends.

GANT & PERKINS, THE TWO SWEETS.

Collins & Barrett and Hamtree Harrington at The New Crown Garden Theatre, Indianapolis, This Week—Tim E. Ousley, Proprietor.

Gant & Perkins are a team of dashing girls, swell in all respects, looking as if they had just stepped off of Broadway, N. Y. Good clothes? Yes.

Mabel Gant is one of the finest figures on the stage—superb is the word. Then that voice and air—a regular Parisian. Her steps are in keeping.

Alberta Perkins is also a fine stage personage. She takes to the comedy division, and she gets it out regular, making up much of it as she goes along. She makes it all stick. She is rollicking funny—laughs and make you laugh. It is an act of hits.

They open with, "Want to Linger." Miss Perkins sings "My Loving Man," and as only she can sing it. Miss Gant, who is of rather dainty voice, sings "You Great Big Bashful Doll" in a very pleasing way. They close with "Steamboat Alabama," sung with splendid expression. Both costumed well.

The Two Sweets, Willie and Lulu, are a favorite team at this theatre. They were received with applause at their first appearance each night. Lulu is still acting in her baby way, which has won fame for her. Willie is still a boob of a fellow who knows just what to do to make fun. He sings "Nothing New, Keep It Up." She sings her famous song, "Mama Don't Know Where I Am At." They were well received in all they did.

Hamtree Harrington is one of those successful droll comedians. One could not figure on what he was going to say, or how his jokes were going to wind up until the end. His talk was a solid string of laugh producers. Hamtree's make-up is grotesque and he delivers accordingly. His impromptu verse play on the audience went big. He hit some pretty good jolts but no one seemd to mind it. His dancing is a feature. He does what he calls the "chicken dream," his own dance. It's got 'em, as they say. He sings "What It Takes to Keep My Wife from Running Around, I've Got It." This song makes a big hit.

HAMTREE HARRINGTON.

Collins & Barrett, doing comedy and straight, went big. Collins is another one of those comedians who, seemingly, can't do anything poorly. No better "wench" character has been seen at this theatre. Miss Barrett is a fine straight and a good all-around performer. Her singing number, "If I Forgot," was prettily done.

J. B. McCAMON WRITES FROM THE VIRGINIA MINSTRELS.

To my many friends why I left the A. G. Allen's Minstrels:

On December 7th, Mr. Quine left the show and Mr. Allen took the show in charge on half salary, which we never received. He went broke the second week, and I allowed him to borrow money on my diamonds, which he did, and one of them is in soak as yet. When the show began to make money his so-called wife refused to let him pay off anyone and tried to force us to work. I left and thirteen others followed.

Now in regards to the item in last issue of The Freeman, written by the would-be stage manager, Mr. Joe Norton. If the show was ever run by the bandmaster it was run with talent and brain, not as it is now run by a bunch of so-called performers and musicians out of alleys and dives from the larger cities of Texas, and due respects to the married couples on the private car; the would-be married couple would be kept in their place. They were not huddled together in the same car and sections with married couples, as they are now. Some class to the Allen show now I don't think.

Yours truly,
J. H. McCAMON.

FROM SPARKS' ANNEX BAND AND MINSTREL COMPANY

We are in our fourth week out this season and everything still running nicely. Am glad to see Chas. Rue had a word to say. I hope the rest of the Old Allen bunch will wake up. — Rastus airship is now with the Sparks Circus and doing good. Would like to hear from Air Ship and Miss Ray. Write me, our route is in The Freeman. — Mr. A. A. Wright says hello to the entire profession. J. H. McCamon, Busey Gray said write him to Clinton, Ill., care of Sparks Annex band. — Laura Smith write Jim Ransom, care The Freeman. Have news for you. — M. McQuitty and Busey Gray sends best wishes to Little Irma and Emmett Bergs. Our little band sends best wishes to all.

Chicago Weekly Review

By Sylvester Russell.

BUSTER & BAILEY MAKE A HIT AT THE GRAND.

Venable Owens and Harper Make Good.

Excepting the first appearance of Buster & Bailey, we had prize fights and fight stories on the bill for the first half. Philip Austin, the original Buster of Buster & Rockpile, and Leo Bailey, formerly of King & Bailey, whose partner died across the sea, constituted the team whose names were a guarantee of good fun, which they furnished and made a hit. Bailey, who looks a little more like a man now since his return from over the troubled sea, was given a nice reception. The white acts were Paul Chase & Co., in the Second Round in which the star was true to life and the support and dialogue was highly satisfactory. The Ross brothers were fine midget boxing athletes. The Arcadia Six were good society dancers and Rossini was fair on the accordeon. The last half of last week had Venable Owens and Harper, who gave good account of themselves in comedy singing and dancing, especially the Harper boy in scientific steps. The white acts were Madam Gertrude, a mind reader, never of interest among colored people, who remained a week, where a strong colored team holdover would draw better. James & Prior had a good clean original comedy depot act. The man's recitation work was fair, but they had a poor finale. De Rosa's cats, cockatoos and monkeys were fine, and Fun in a Barn was a farce by amateurs. Irving Jones & Roy Johnson are billed to open Monday, and Gene Greene week of 17th.

Glenn & Brogsdale Record Breakers at the New Monogram—Butler and Johnson Return Popular.

Will Glenn and Walter Brogsdale, who are now the funniest two blackface comedians on the boards, broke the record in funisms. Butler & Johnson returned as popular as ever and Eloise Johnson danced gracefully. Eleanor Wilson sang her songs well and looked charming. McCray & Brown were two clever little dancing girls who easily won out. They have yet to acquire the art of makeup and hair tidiness. The scenery and back well here needs touching up and the silent clock is a hoodoo.

Bill of the Movies.

STATES—"Beulah," Saturday, May 8th, and "Women and Wine," Sunday, May 9th.

LINCOLN—Clemenceni Case, 8th, and Curious of LaGrade, 9th.

PHOENIX—"The Italian," 8th, and "The Outlaw's Revenge," 9th.

FOUNTAIN—Scout Younger drew big last Sunday.

WASHINGTON—"The Black Box," 8th, and "The Enemies," 9th.

THE ATLAS—"The Engine of Death," 8th, and Spectro, 9th.

The Ways of the Caberets.

The programs at the cabarets will be looked out for lavishly during the coming summer, that is providing they can see the press in the right way. The coming summer is to be a very important one for press agents whom managers of playhouses, cabarets, pool rooms and business places can see, more especially for their own good financially than for the meager benefit to be derived by the press.

Stage Notes and Stroll News.

Ella Hayes has left for Kansas City to sing in Leon Jordan's cabaret for an indefinite period.

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Slow Kid Thompson joined Ringling Bros. Circus here to appear in the summer side show.

Carl Heisen's orchestra at Hotel Stratford has the following musicians: C. R. Lee, A. C. Elgar, F. W. Woods, W. Story, R. Bradshaw, F. Robinson, C. Watson, L. Thomas, D. Lewis and S. Renand.

Jack Smith and Will Minor Cooke recently opened at Toledo with other dates on the Gus Sun circuit to follow.

Clarence Jones has been engaged by Wurletizer Pianola company to play for the player rolls. He is the only colored player on the list.

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"My Keepsake Is My Heart" is the latest lyric by Arthur J. Lamb, music ager of the new Havanashrdlu dluta by Clarence Jones.

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A. E. Bean is manager of the new Havana Stars baseball team, with headquarters at 3737 Dearborn street.

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The following letter was sent to Cecil Watts April 30th:

Mrs. Cecil Watts,
527 South Eleventh street,
Philadelphia, Pa.:

Find enclosed one dollar (money order), which Manager Gibson of the Standard theater of your city sent to the Fund. I give it to you. I regret that the benefit did not realize enough money to contribute to the charities formerly mentioned. If the managers had all responded, success would have been assured.

Very truly,
SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.

By Porter & Brown.

At the Theaters.

Gaines & Brown, openers of this week's bill, have an act worthy of mention on any bill. They are real performers and a credit to Negro vaudeville.

Miss Laura Bailey, formerly of the team of Criswell & Bailey, follows in a single that shows her to be a marvel of versatility. From an opening in a beautiful gown, singing a high-class love ballad, to low comedy, doing a green country girl is a jump that is very seldom attempted, even by the most prolific performers. It stamps Miss Bailey as an actress with a real brain. She was compelled to answer to several encores, and was easily the hit of the bill.

Next comes a team that is entirely new to Cincinnati theatergoers, Meyers & Meyers. Mr. Meyers is a black-face comedion who tells his comedy as though it were a funny story and it lingers with you until long after you have left the theater. Mrs. Meyers is a clever singer and dancre, also has a very pleasing stage appearance.

Local.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Craven, of 1510 John street, was united in marriage Sunday to Mr. Kennedy. It was a very pleasant affair, attended by Mrs. Savannah Jeffrey, Miss Loretta Hodges, Mrs. Nannie Smith, Miss Katie Brown, Mrs. Anne Watts, Messrs. George Reese, Wm. Bowles, Nelson Cleveland, Albert Paris, Daniel A. Watts.

Col. Brown has announced for the Pekin Friday night an old-time cakewalk, to be participated in by Wm. C. Mason, Ohio's undisputed champion, accompanied by Miss Mary Devers as walking partner. The other contestants will be Mr. George Robinson and Miss Viola White and Mr. Everett Duncan and Miss Effie Johnson.

Mr. George Shear, the general electrician of the Lincoln and Pekin theaters, is out of the barrel at last. He appeared Monday morning with a new cap on. He promises the suit and shoes Thursday. Let us hope.

A mistake in last week's issue I would like to correct. It was Miss Rose Brown, of the team of Brown & Pinkey, that I mentioned, instead of Roy Brown, as published. Purely an unavoidable mistake. We hope Miss Brown will take it as such.

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Sports.

The Cincinnati Stars opened their season with Xenia, O., stars at Enterprise park, Sunday, May 2nd, to a large crowd. The home boys won, 4 to 3. The feature of the game was the fielding of "Tip" and Stanley. The Cincinnati Stars play the crack Camp Washington White Sox Sunday, May 9th. Game called at 3 p. m.

Maj. Wm. C. Love and his popular partner, Sergt. Clarence Brown, are already preparing to attend the Supreme Session of the K. of P.'s at Columbus, O., in August. They will be found at the palatial clubrooms of the T. D. I. D. H. club, at 511 West 5th street.

THE FAMOUS ALABAMA MINSTRELS

The Famous Alabama Minstrels are still playing in the state of Kansas to capacity business, headed by Prof. Frank Morlands feature concert band, playing all the standard selections, such as "Morning, Noon and Night," march, "The Battle," Raymond, etc. Prof. Morland also sends his best regards to Geo. Motto on the J. C. O'Brien show No. 2. Would like to hear from Charlie Aldridge, Ed Miller and his York Melephone sends best regards to E. Cheatam and Reid Connor with the Virginia Minstrels. Emmett Loftis says hello Willie Daniels; also Ed Hill sends best regards. Rae and Hampton Wallburg joined us in Harper, Kan., and proved quite an addition to the show; also, Allie Young, better known as the cat on the wire, he, too, is quite a valuable member. Our stage is under the management of the well-known "Billie" Freeman, so you know our show must be a scream from the rising of the curtain to the fall, as it is staged as no other but Billie could stage. He is getting his nightly, singing "Celebration Day in Tennessee." Little Willie Edwards and his trick midget mule, Mickey, are still the big noise on the Alabama, and after the noon-day parade all you can hear is "Did you see Little Willie and his mule?" Gee whiz, couldn't that mule tango. Willie sends best regards to the Pee Wees. The entire company sends best regards to all in and out of the profession. I must make special mention and also must congratulate Billy Freeman, who was united in holy matrimony to the charming Miss Susie Childress, of Cairo, Ill. Mrs. Freeman sends best regards to Miss Annie McCoy and Mr. Butler White.

NEW YORK NEWS.

(By Billy E. Jones.)

Wilson & Wilson are at the Shubert Theatre, Brooklyn.

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Jones & Johnson are at Erber's Theatre, East St. Louis, Ill.

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Moss & Frey are at the Empress Theater, Seattle, Wash.

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Fiddler & Shelton are at the Emery Theatre, Providence, R. I.

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Howard & Mason are at the Electric Theatre, Kansas City, Mo.

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The Musical Byrons are at the Orpheum Theatre, Seattle, Wash.

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Mr. and Mrs. Storris, of Washington, D. C., are visiting friends in New York and Jersey.

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Don't forget to visit Messrs. Johnny Morris and Eddie Bruce's Cafe, 141 and Lenox avenue. Good music.

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At Diggs' Cafe, 118 W. 135th street, the pleasing entertainers and first class music is a delight to the patrons.

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The Cabaret Show at Woods' Cafe, 2161 5th avenue, N. Y., with well known entertainers, are pleasing the patrons.

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The Bradford Dining Rooms, 73 W. 134th street, a quiet place for quiet people to dine. Don't forget the place when in New York.

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The Misses Lillian Dobbins and Depue, of Brooklyn, appeared at the 14th St. Theatre, N. Y., recently and scored nicely in their act.

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Tabb's Quick Lunch, 566 Lenox avenue, are serving the best cooked food. Performers when in New York just call and be convinced.

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The Crescent Cafe, 126 W. 135th St., presents as its entertainers Tiny Ray and Miss Mildred Creed and they are in a class by themselves.

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Misses Ethel Brown and Johnson are singing some great novelty numbers at Leroy's Cafe, the large dining rooms, are among the finest in Harlem.

Billy E. Jones, the popular vocalist, is scoring a big success with song hits, "Don't Tell the Folks You Saw Me" and "Don't Take My Darling Boy Away."

Lee Nichols has joined the Alpha Comedy Four, having replaced Boots Allen. The quartette is now playing through New York State for four weeks.

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Miss Cora Cross and Miss Lillian Rose are two classy entertainers at Libya dining rooms, 115 West 131st St., N. Y., and the patrons are highly entertained.

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The patrons are enjoying the cabaret show and music at the Hotel Snug, 2120 Madison avenue, N. Y., under the new management. This is one of the popular places in Harlem.

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The Lafayette Theatre, under the management of Messrs. Morganstern and Walton, continue to furnish the patrons with good shows and photo pictures, best in town.

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The Reno, 454 7th avenue, N. Y., continues to please its patrons with the best in town in the way of amusement and dancing. First class meals are served and delightful music by the orchestra.

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At the Hotel Snug, 2120 Madison avenue, N. Y., big cabaret show with all the song hits and full orchestra daily. The only place of its kind in Harlem. Don't overlook this place when in the city. Due courtesy to all.

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At the Novelty Cafe, 43 Rockwell Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., first-class cabaret by well known entertainers and good music and dining rooms attached. The management is making this one of the popular places in Brooklyn and for an evening of pleasure this is the place.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATRE, PHILADELPHIA.

Sirene Navarro, the singing and dancing commedienne, whose method of presenting songs with distinction, had several new ditties to offer in her act at Gibson's New Standards theater this week. She pleased her audiences and seemed pleased, too, that she was so cordially greeted. Murphy and Thomas, those black-faced comedians, who are droll in their dialogue and who are eccentric in their dancing, made themselves thoroughly agreeable. Johnnie Woods and Little Henry, ventriloquized in in first-class style. The offering of Kenner and Williams, has much that is unusual in fun making and was welcomed with responsive laughter. Decidedly interesting was the acrobatic work of the Three Apollos, who are artists of skill and strength. Crombley and Gillam in their new skit, "The Pullman Porter and the Tramp," proved themselves good entertainers and resourceful. "I Am Going Down Home in Dixie Land," by Crombley, caught on immediately. Haliday, Grant and Haliday in a satire of an unusual sort, rounded out the bill. Despite the fact that Barnum's circus was a strong opposition, the attendance was good. J. H. Gray, 1221 Pine street.

THE DOUGLASS THEATRE. MACON, GA.

(By L. B. Mound, Pianist.)

The Douglass theater is again in full bloom, for Calborn Jones is heading the bill. Mr. Jones is one of the best and funniest comedians on the American stage. Clayborn is quite a favorite around Macon. The new songs and jokes are worth hearing. — T. J. Castillo comes next on the bill. He does well as a female impersonator. He is singing "Porto Rico Isle," and closing his act with an imitation of Ada Overton Walker's Spanish dance. — Miss Rubie Jones, former of "Black Patti Troubadours," is making her second week at this house. She makes quite a hit with the song, "When You're a Long Ways From Home," using Amazon Land" as an encore. — Jno. Williams, better known as "Original Blue Steel," is still making good. — Miss Ida Cox is making her third engagement at this house. She is singing "Titanic Blues." There will be another big bill slated for next week.

VIRGINIA MINSTRELS.

(Honest Arthur L. Prince.)

Last week the merrymakers made a few stands in New Mexico. The Ofays were O. K., but alas! we've returned to the Rosinjaw district (mean Ofaye). Business is above the average, notwithstanding the fact that storms and washouts continually threaten each performance. On April 30th we showed day and date with Watson & Murdock's White Minstrels at Lockney, Texas. Of course our big band and flash drew the majority of the villagers to the waterproof pavilion. A day previous to the opposition Old Lotus blew up a big storm, but fortunately no one was hurt. Although in the same vicinity the Roy E. Fox Dramatic Company suffered a heavy loss. The tent blew down, a baby was killed by the falling of a quarter pole and forty adults were injured. Our show is running like clockwork since the adjustment of our stage manager, Mrs. Chas. Pewee.

Members of the band are as follows: J. H. McCamon, cornetist and leader; Wm. Randol, cornet; Harry Owens, cornet; Chas. Pewee, cornet; Theodose Adams, clarinet; Fred Kewley, clarinet; Wm. (Son) Shaw, piccolo; Reed Connors, alto; E. Cheatham, alto; Ulysses Everly, trombine; Frank Perryman, trombone; George Triggers, trombone; Arthur L. Prince, trombone; Wm. (Kag) Fisher, baritone; Willie Daniels, tuba; Dick Brown, snare drum; James (Geechy) Garrett, bass drum; Lawrence Baker, librarian.

At present the band is using standard overtures and expect to have some popular melodies very soon. Mr. E. Cheatham, the tenor singer, sends regards to A. J. McFarland and Earnest Watts. Our base ball team, the "Virginia Nevers," had another game at Carlsbad, New Mexico, last Sunday. The score was 11 to 4, in favor of the Carlsbad team. We haven't won a game this season. It is rumored that the "Virginia Soubrettes" will challenge the "Nevers" if the latter fail to win the next game.

STAGEOSCOPE.

By U. Tellit.

The Taylors, mother and son, are very pleasant people to meet. Judging from what they have to say about Mr. Dudley, Mr. Lew Henry and the owners of different theaters they have played recently the Dudley circuit is out there. Lovie is booked indefinitely on the cuestick time. Aside from being a first-class performer, Mrs. Taylor is a good housekeeper and a splendid cook.

WOW ye advertisers, look out. Billy King is on the job with his endless ad. Bill knows how to put things over.

Madam Rosetta Brannum is taking a much needed rest. Bet the Madam will come back to the profession way yonder before July.

Mr. Leon R. Long of the Silas Green Co., has quite a reputation, but Jas. Crosby is due part of Leon's name. Guess what part.

To whom it may interest: Since Mr. R. W. Thompson has found a man in Columbus, Ohio, whom he says can throw the bull, I stopped being in a class by myself. Your sincerely, U. Tellit.

Just because a certain fellow in Memphis can write a lot of good songs is no sign that he is full of note.

We don't understand ye magic pals, but Baby F. Seals has something up his sleeve.

Dear U. Tellit—Can you eat a song up? Hasbery Hattie.

Answer—Sure, if there is "honney" to it, Hat.

Dear U. Tellit—I am subject to head swimming. Have never seen a movie show. Do you think the movies will trouble me? Topsy Turvy Tena.

Answer—Not a bit, but don't try to watch Ginger Jack Wiggins' feet while he is shaking 'em, Te.

PITTSBURG (PA.) NOTES.

Mule and Jeanette Bradford, Majestic theater, 6, 7, 8, Braddock, Pa.

Johnson and Johnson will leave Saturday to open Richmond, Va., Hippodrome theater.

Lincoln Theater—Smith and Smith opened the show and went fairly well. Rollison and Douglas was a riot. Skip Douglas' dance went fine. Rollison's song was a hit. This is a very clean, classy act. Wardrobe very neat. Keep it up boys.

The Warfield Trio did a try out at the Harris theater Monday and passed. Will open Monday, May 10, at the above theater.

Bevry and Washington, the Goodlets, are laying up here this week.

Mr. Lavloff is putting on good acts. Hurrah for Lavloff.

The Star theater will open Monday uder new management. I only wish there was another shrewd manager like J. T. Gibson to make this house pay, because Pittsburg needs a good colored theater.

Abe Minsky says he only had two paying weeks since September and that was when Drake Walker trio and King William's dogs first week and Bradford and Jeanette second week and King Williams dogs. That proves who are drawing cards, don't it.

Kenner and Williams write me, Standard theater, next week. I have something good for you all.

European acts will-you quit singing my songs. I have sold them to Kenner and Williams.

SEYMOUR JAMES WRITES FROM THE DIXIE SERENADERS MINSTRELS AT SANTA ROSA, CAL.

The Dixie Serenaders played their last town in the state of Nevada last Saturday, where we closed a week's engagement at The Wigwam theater at Reno, Nev., and is playing this week at the Columbia theater, Santa Rosa, Cal., where business is good. The entire bunch is getting ready for the Frisco trip, where we play five weeks. This cofpany only carries 11 people. The members are James Johnson, manager; Eddie Mackey, Pope & Dallis, wire artists; Newsome & Thompson, sister team; Elton Starks, trombonist and 'cello solist; B. F. Stevens, euphonium soloist; Mrs. Blanch Johnson, soprano and cornetist; James Thompson, stage manager, and Seymour James, the monologist, vocalist and buck and wing dancer. All mail will reach this company by addressing, care the Dixie Serenaders Minstrels, San Francisco, Cal.

VIOLA VAN VLURAH EXPLAINS.

Toledo, Ohio.

Dear Sirs: In an article in your issue dated April 10th, Effie King and Nina Marshall claim that I (Viola) was unduly influenced by a male member of the Robinson Trio to quit them without notice. This I want to deny, as it is positively untrue.

I left the trio to come home because my mother needed me, and Effie had told me that she and Nina could do a sister act and that I was not necessary.

I went to the male member of the Robinson, trio explained my predicament and asked him for a week's work to pay my expenses and get my fare home to Toledo. I am home with my mother and would like very much to have things set aright with the public and friends of the profession on the matter, as it is an injustice to me, also the male member of the Robinson trio referred to, who is a business man and who I found to be a gentleman in every respect.

I hope you will print this in your next issue in justice to the parties that have been wronged.

Thanking you one and all and wishing you and your valuable paper long and continued success, I remain

Yours respectfully,
VIOLA VAN VLURAH,
26 South Michigan St.
Formerly of the Three Cuban Nightengales.

THEATRICAL NEWS OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

Martin & Moteley's Merry Makers are in their second week at the Grand theater, Washington, D. C. Members of the company are as follows: Mabell Brown, Chas. Nickerson, Gallie Gaston, Louie Higgins, Olivia Hall, George Byrd, with Clarence Parson, musical director, who will be seen west soon. Gallie Gaston sends regards to the Browns, Jim and Foy and also Doe Doe Green.

DAVID B. PEYTON, JR., MARRIED.

David B. Peyton, Jr., leader of the orchestra of the Grand theater, Chicago, Ill., was privately married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Stewart, Crawford building, 3600 Wabash avenue, to Miss Gedena Dawson, of Paducah, Ky., Saturday, May 1st, at 2 p. m. Rev. Dr. William Gray officiated. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kochon, Sylvester Russell and Mrs. L. H. Bradley were the only persons present. Mr. Peyton's father is ill and was not able to attend.

MRS. LENA HULETT WRITES FROM YANKEE ROBINSON'S THREE-RING CIRCUS.

The show open its season at Adel, Iowa, April 22, and Prof. John Eason's band and minstrels is the feature attraction of the side show annex. Mr. Fred Buchanon, the manager, says Mr. Eason has the best twelve people together this season he has ever had since he has had the band in charge. Our eight-piece orchestra is something grand, the best that has even been with any side show, so boys, you see it can't be beat. Members of the band and minstrels are: Chas. Creath, Sam Smith, Hape Clarkston, Ervin Brown, Archie Bell, Arnett Nelson, Bud Campbell, Hub Bowman, Noah Robinson, and then comes Mrs. Ozella Smith singing "At the Ball," with great success; Mrs. Lena Hulett is singing "Just For Tonight." Then comes Ray L. Williams, of 811 East Poplar street, Harrisburg, Ill., our porter. Every member of the company is well pleased with him, because what it takes to keep the cars clean, he has it. Noah Robinson sends best regards to Earnest Calloway, Ham Douglas. Nuf sed. Will hear from us soon.

NOTES FROM TENY'S U. T. C. CO.

Show opened at Little Sioux, Iowa, April 4th. Everything new this season. The show carries 50 people, 10 are colored performers. They are as follows: Mr. J. H. Beacher, J. Perkins, H. Lipscomb, Chas. Buchum, Mrs. May Lankford, Miss Maudie Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Long and Mr. and Mrs. Neal. The show is also carrying three bands this season. The show is playing to good business.

JACKSON, TENN.

Rev. T. J. Goodall preached his last sermon Sunday night to a very large congregation. Rev. Goodall leaves Friday for Savannah, Ga., where he takes charge of the largest Baptist church in the country.

On the 26th the Ministers' Alliance tendered Rev. and Mrs. Goodall a dinner at Lane tabernacle. All the ministers and their wives and a few friends were present. Rev. Hamlet presided. The following men made short talks concerning the love and esteem in which Rev. and Mrs. Goodall are held in Jackson: Rev. A. M. Womack, of Liberty C. M. E. church; Mrs. L. E. Robinson, of Bethel A. M. E. church; Rev. Father W. A. Bruce, of the Episcopal church; Prof. A. R. Merry, principal of South Jackson high' school; Rev. Hamlet, editor of Christian Index; Rev. A. N. Stephens. Rev. Goodall responded to these speeches in a most elegant manner. Rev. Goodall has a natural oratorical gift. The Ministers' Alliance presented Rev. Goodall with a handsome Bible.

The young ladies of Bethel A. M. E. church gave a splendid concert Friday night. A neat sum was realized.

Mr. C. W. Reed of Chicago is in the city visiting friends.

The members of the Berean Baptist church gave a reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Goodall Tuesday night.

Mr. Luke of Tanyard street died suddenly Tuesday night.

TERRELL, TEXAS.

Almost continuous rains the last few days have greatly hindered the second quarterly conference of Terrell and Elmo station, which was held in Elmo on the 24th and 25th. Rev. J. E. Rains, P. E. Rev. E. G. Young accompanied the presiding elder to Terrell Sunday evening to preach at night. Owing to inclement weather there were but a few out to hear him. Collection, $26. — Mr. James Hall, G. W. Johnson attended the quarterly conference at Elmo Saturday. — On account of high water Saturday evening, the trains could not pass through Grandsaline. Mr. James Hall had to walk back home from Elmo at night. — Rev. E. G. Young left Monday morning for Texarkana, where he spent the week with his family. — Rev. J. E. Raines, presiding elder, left Monday morning on No. 22 at 9:12 o'clock, for his next appointment. — Mr. Knilke Sakkan showed in Elmo last Thursday and Friday night at the C. M. E. with much success. Donated to the church $6. He showed here Monday and Tuesday nights to a crowded house. — Mr. Jocie Adams, of Cartwright Switch, is visiting his mother and friends this week. — Rev. A. G. Gorden began his revival Monday night.

SPOTLIGHT RAY.

Well, Ned Hastings, manager of the Indianapolis Keiths' house, was short an act last Sunday and picked the Hoosier Society entertainers, a colored organization to fill the disappointment. They closed the bill and were a scream.

Moral—The test of your worth is your being called on at the moment when you least expect it and then make good. Be always ready.

R. W. THOMPSON.

WICKLIFFE, KY.

On May 2 Rev. William Jane occupied the pulpit at 11 o'clock and he delivered one of his great sermons. 1st John 3:13, "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you."

May 1st the court dismissed Robert Candy, who had been in prison 30 days for trespassing. No bill was made against him.

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J. C. Miles & Co., with Jones Bros'. Circus—Bradford, Pa., May 10; Wellsville, N. Y., 11; Corning, 12; Bloosburg, Pa., 13; Waverly, N. Y., 14; Binghamton, 15.

Prof. H. Wright's Co., with Sparks' Annex—New Castle, Ind., May 10; Bluffton, 11; Frankfort, 12; Rensselaer, 13; Attica, 14; Sullivan 15.

Chas. Beechum & Co., with Terry's U. T. C. Co.—Blair, Neb., May 10; Arlington, 11; Wakoo, 12; Scribner, 13; Stanton, 14; Tilden, 15.

Richard & Pringle's Minstrels—Scott's Bluff, Neb., May 10; Guernsey, Wyo., 11; Douglas, 12; Casper, 13; Thermopolis, 14; Worland, 15.

Silas Green Co., Eph Williams, Mngr. —Raleigh, N. C., May 10.

Marshalls' Happy Days in Dixieland—Newton, Kans., week of May 10.

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Gentlemen's List.

Arrant, Chas. P.
Adams, Ver.
Alford, John
Austin, George.
Berry Johnnie.
Brown, Bishop.
Banks, Charles
Banks, Jesse.
Barefield, Tony
Baker, Lawrence
Cox & Cox.
Cole & Cole
Curry, James.
Davis, R. N.
Dumas, T. H.
Davenport, Willie.
Eiter, W. A.
Ferguson, B. F.
Green, J. H.
Hutchinson, Frank.
Higgins, Billie.
Ivey, John
Johnson, J. R.
Johnson, William.
Jackson, W. J.
King, Phillips
Keith, Frank.
Lemon, Eddie.
Lee, Lawrence
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Perry, Henry.
Rue, Charles E.
Rooks, Leon P.
Stafford, Eddie.
Smith & Smith.
Scarcy, Eddie
Stovall & Stovall.
Washington, H. B.
White, R. C.
Wallace, R. T.
White, James.
Whitemore, Dr. S. W.

Ladies' List.

Arnte, Gracie.
Brown, Mrs. Mary.
Burton, Dorothy.
Beadles, Sadie
Butler, Trixie.
Burton, India
Crippen, Katie.
Cooper, Madoline.
Daniels, Mrs. Lillian.
Dorsey & Lazzo.
Delk, Tootsie.
Foster, Emma L.
Josephine, D. A.
Latham, Mrs. F. C.
McQueen, Marg't.
Mitchell, Lelia B.
Moore, Effie.
Nelson, Lucille.
Pellabone, J. M.
Pugh, Lizzie B.
Stovall, Nina.
Stevens, Lillie
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Gossip of the Stage
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THE OLD SOUTHLAND SEXTETTE.

The Man Who Put Them There and Keeps Them There.

The activities of the writer as a purveyor of jubilee singers runs back some fifteen years in history, but he blew the breath of life into The Old Southland Sextette on Sept. 7, 1907, and they have hardly hesitated so to speak so far as work is concerned down to the present.

The close their eighth season of road work on May 3rd—the earliest closing date of their history. They were opened August 31st and filled 211 dates with but two lost dates during the season. Both dates were booked, but were lost due to local causes of an uncontrollable nature. The bookings are all one-night stands and are booked under auspices of churches and societies exclusively. As an evidence of their road work it may be said that the closing date this season gives them a grand total of 1,975 dates filled from their opening September 7th, 1907, to May 3rd, 1915, an average seasonal record of 247 dates each season for eight seasons.

The personnel of the company at the opening of the season August 31st was: Jerry C. Anderson, basso and director; Albtr S. D. Taylor, tenor; James H. Worsham, tenor; John Wilson, pianist and reader and baritone; Mme. Lena P. Wilson, soprano; Mme. Burnerdene Mason, contralto.

Of the above, death took a long time and valued member of the company in the persons of James H. Worsham and Joseph T. Staten, tenor, of Waveland, Indiana, was secured for the vacancy. As the Wilsons will be replaced when the company reopens in September there will be some changes in the personel next season.

The writer having handled the bookings of such colored attractions as the Original (Snowden and Millers) Tennesseean Jubilee Singers; the Slayton Jubilee Singers and the Canadian Jubilee Singers, has lived through both its heyday and its decadence. It is with remorse, too, that we use the term last written as encompassing this type of road entertainers, but the business has been abused by "slug-together" combinations until the public has come to doubt even the remote possibility of a semblance of class. Not only has this "run-down-at-the-heels" condition claimed our class of entertainment as its victim, but it has spread its shroud over the average small town entertaining combination. Not only our, but all forms of show business has helped to kick its prop from under by too much four-flush and an absence of corresponding delivery. The result is that the dear public is not taking the present claims with the seriousness as of yore. By way of illustration, I call to mind a combination of so-called Jubilee Singers that went to the wall this season. A few years ago this combination was composed of some six or seven people and as regards numbers could rightfully lay claim to the classification. They dwindled down to three people, but their claims did not shrink with a degree corresponding with the shrinkage of the personnel. Thir claims as to their program work was amusing, if not discouraging to the manager of a similar combination with some respect for this past and the nurturing of the future. It must be understood that no colored combination not having in its personnel certain male and female voices can consistenly claim to render a jubilee program for the reason that a program of this type calls for certain selections and those selections just as surely call for those certain voices. The disappearance of that personage called the Opera House Manager in the average town during the last few years, leaving road shows no responsible sponsor locally, has put the small town attraction in the hollow of the sea without a rudder. The loss of virility by the average church society and lodge in the matter of ticket selling for a road attraction of a concert nature is also noticable. Picture house prices have left its impress upon the minds of the average person and they can not conceive of a greater admission necessity for touring combinations. In all this oasis—if a town may be found having an opera house and a lingering species of humanity known in the past as a manager—lay your wares before him and note the absence of that old time interest. If he deigns to show any signs of life he will whisper 50-50 and even that grudgingly. You can thank our friends of the movies for this as well as numerous other things. And believe me there are just enough of the fly-by-night type of things doing the road today to take it as a welcome morsel and thus keep the fires of degeneracy burning. In the old times a local manager would be ashamed to offer a known company less than 75-25, but degeneracy is in the very air and the contagion has been smeared so completely that 50-50 is now the vogue. It is not that there are too many good touring combinations on the road, but that the ardor of the average society is less acute to assume a contract worthy the name of assumed responsibility. Every town, too, has its contingent of actors and actorines and home talents are commonly encountered with disastrous results to the road attraction that happens to cut in too close to them.

In the face of this degeneracy, the Old Southland Sextette takes the road next Septembr for its ninth sason of uninterrupted pilgrimage. The writer expects to do the booking as has been his lot the two seasons just past since losing his old reliable agent, J. L. Smith, of Waynesville, Ohio, through sickness. If readers of The Freeman chance to know any of the members of the sextette named in the personnel I am sure my members would be glad to hear from them and their mail can be forwarded to them through me. To those seeking positions with my company I would refer them to the advertisement appearing in The Freeman. With best wishes for The Freeman, I remain

Cordially yours,
TOM J. MORGAN,
Manager.
217 Collingwood Ave., Detroit, Mich.

ROGERS GREATER SHOWS AT COEBAN, MD.

(By Sam McReynolds.)

Rogers Greater Shows arrived in Coeban Sunday afternoon. Will exhibit here all this week. Last week in Appalachia. Every show went forty and was quite a success. The midway was crowded every night and looked like a holiday from eight to ten o'clock every night. Mrs. J. W. Morrison can sell some confetti, and Mr. J. W. Morrison, our advance agent, is certainly some promoter. He can leave this afternoon and in two hours after he reaches his destination he will wire you that everything is O. K. in the next town. I guess that's going some.

Our manager, Mr. J. Rogers, is like the German army—never gives up. He carries his company in the winter and makes good at all times, and always meets you with a smile. The words "I can't" were not written in any book that Mr. J. Rogers studied. He always says, "I will try."

The boys and girls are all going up this week, because Mr. Rumage says his Ferris wheel is sure going up.

One would look at Mr. Swaton's merry-go-round last week and wonder how so many could stick on. Old Bill Cooley's snake show was crowded from Monday till Saturday night. Mr. Jim Higgins, in front of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lauther's seven-in-one show, certainly can turn them in. At Mrs. Carl Lauther's shooting gallery the birds are falling every minute. Mr. C. K. Sleet, out Hindoo fortune teller and bottle mystery, keeps them guessing. Mr. J. Price's midway cafe is busy at all times. Say, boys, Mr. Irish Harrison certainly can sell some lemonade, and he has the right talk for you at all times. Say, 88, you are a mystery. The boys can't guess you. Say, boys, can't Mr. Frank Moss make some openings; and that isn't all, he's just like a rubber ball. He is all-round man, and he is just the same at all times, and always has a smile on his face. We all love him as we love our boss.

Say, Uncle John, you didn't tell us about your hunting trips while you were away from us last winter. Mr. Fritz Williamson with his ball rack, says they are still knocking them down. By the way, boys, Pickaninny did talk louder last week and the crowds came up and bought all his balls at once and tried to knock all the babies down at once.

Little High Diving Jimmie Anderson is going to add ten more feet to his ladder, which is now 90 feet. Some people say Jimmie looks like he's got wings when he's making his dive.

Look out, boys; Big Sam Meeks' bass violin is on its way. I guess you know that Sam can sure make that old violin talk.

Say, Nathan Scott, I want to ask you and Jack Pitt, since we left Greer and Rockhill, S. C., we all want to know, how is it you can't figure our electrician, Willie Love's, game? He is some more smart kid.

Charley Boyd, with the Montana Wild West Show, is certainly some Rube, and can play the part in earnest. Eagle Jack left the Wild West Show last week.

The Old Plantation and their line-up—Mr. Charley Smith, stage manager; Mrs. Emma Smith, assistant. Their shows are good. Frank Watkins is singing "You Are Always Behind Just Like an Old Cows Tail."

Little Cuba, from Memphis, is still screaming them every night with his buck and wing dancing. He gets better every day. Jack Pitt, better known in the profession as the team of Pitt & Wescott. His wife has been at her home in Charleston, S. C., on account of the death of her mother, but will rejoin him in a week or ten days.

Tim Butler, our pianist, says Hello, Madam Mines, write me. Our soubrets Miss Annie Belle Conwell, Miss Johnnie Carothers, Mrs. Janie Butler, Miss Sarah McConnel of Chattanooga. They are still with us, making good.

Little Joe Bird, with his trap drums, is still on the job. Slim Maxwell's Egyptian show is still playing to S. R. O. Montana Bill's Wild West Show is still the feature of the Rogers Greater Shows. Notice to the company that we should pass through Coeban, Md., the little town, was quite a surprise to us, and we were met at the train and escorted to a hotel, just the same as the white people were.

Mr. Highter Bundy, and Mr. Gray both deserve great credit, and other towns in the gloomy south should take the same steps as Mr. Bundy and Mr. Gray have. I have been with companies myself and get in town and the colored people would get off the train and wait three or four hours before they could get a place to stop. Luck to you both, Mr. Bundy and Mr. Gray.

DON'T ACCEPT MONEY.

(By Scrip.)

We deeply regret that our last letter to The Freeman placed that periodical in an improper light with the management of the Lafayette theatre, New York City, and with the theatrical profession. What we say in our articles is entirely without bias. We do not accept money for anything that we write, because we feel that as a critic we could not be of service to the public should we stoop to such a practice. Those that we have selected as performers of some peculiar merit, and those that we have condemned, we have done so because we felt that in the interest of art itself such a course was necessary. Often disgruntled performers have accused us of the "write-up" system, while on the other hand, members of the colored journalistic profession have laughed at us because we would not sell our soul for a few dirty dollars. Every artistic profession needs honest criticism and the more drastic the better.

We have no quarrel with the management of the Lafayette theatre. It has long been our hope that that house would succeed and help keep the profession clean. Under Shipp & Corker, and under their immediate successsors, the vaudeville offerings were of a high standard, but lately we have ample cause to be keenly disappointed. The realization of our disappointment was one of our reasons for discontinuing our contributions to the New York News. We knew how easy it was for a theatrical manager to muzzle the colored press. Nor do we ourselves apologize to the management of the Lafayette theatre. We have never yet made an unqualified statement. The name of one of thir recent headliners is alone proof for our contention concerning their policy.

There has been a change in the editorial department of the New York News. Leslie L. Pollard has retired from the head of the sporting and dramatic departments, and one of his contributors, George H. Jones, who writes under the nom de plume of "Gee Jay," steps into his place. "Gee Jay" has already abandoned his sugar coated policy, and has been attacked in his own paper by the mysterious "B. A. B." Cyril Briggs retains the sporting editorship of The Amsterdam News, and Lester Walton continues to write about the Lafayette theatre in the New York Age. It is reported that Romeo L. Dougherty may return from the West Indies and make himself impressive as a theatrical journalist. A white syndicate is proposing the organization of a theatrical journal for Negroes to be located somewhere in Harlem.

This is the day for those who wish to retire from the theatrical profession. Maude Jones, a singer and character artiste, weary of art, is preparing herself for the hair dressing profession. It has not been many ages since Sisseretta Jones, realizing the harm the stage might do her soul, embraced religion, and began to convert her beloved Providence. About a year ago Fannie Wise also saw the light, but assumed a heavier task. She wished to convert Chicago, and you know Chicago. Miss Wise is back on the stage as great a singer as ever, if what our friend, Sylvester Russel, says is true. Minnie Brown has gone in for the commercial side of literature; she is manager of a colored book store. Abbie Mitchell, somewhat as Eddie Foy would like to interpret Shakespeare, is ready to launch herself into concert work. To be fashionable retire.

We wish to commend Mr. Cleveland Allen for his sensataional attack on "The Birth of a Nation" at the Liberty theatre, New York City. Allen realized that words alone would not prevail against such an ignorant combination as Griffith and Tom Dixon, and with the courage of a Monroe Trotter, protested by force. It is an obvious truth that no wrong can be made right save through revolutionary means.

We have received word that Will Vodery is to revive one of Earnest Hogans productions. Alas! This is an age of revivals. Our playwrights seem to be either dead or sterile. A month or two ago the Follies Company attempted a revival of "Bandanna Land," the last of the Williams and Walker vehicles. It was an artistic failure, though Leubrie Hill himself was a revelation. Last summer Jerry Mills revived "Capt. Rufus" at the Pekin Theatre, Chicago, and spoiled a libretto that had much beauty and melodramatic strength. Mills himself was masterly in his role, although too old fashioned in his methods.

Vodery will have success. Hitherto he has displayed rare insight and judgment. He will not rush hastily into something, realizing that it is a long, long way to art.

ST. LOUIS, MO., NOTES.

(By Herbert T. Meadows.)

An excellent bill, consisting of The Freemans, Bozan & Granger, Myers & Myers, and Turpin's Artists are on the boards at the Boookr Washington theater this week. A good show is the result. The regular members of the Artists company consists of Tim and Hester Moore, W. Henri Bowman and Ursel Burnette. Others are added to fill out the cast in the different plays produced.

W. H. King, formerly editor of the Central Afro-American, has opened an airdome at the location formerly listed in the Dudley circuit.

Chas. A. Hunter, the well known theatrical man, announces the opening of "The Lincoln Airdome" for the 1915 season.

The St. Louis Giants, St. Louis' fast Negro ball club has drawn heavily in their first two Sunday games. They are conceded by the daily papers to be "the fastest aggregation in the city outside of the major league clubs." An effort is being made to get them in the city league, which will not interfere with their schedule to play colored teams. Captain Wallace sustained a sprained ankle in last Sunday's game and will be out of the line-up for 30 days.

Big Stock Company Passes Through St. Louis.

The Billy King Theatrical Stock Company, largest of its kind in the country, passed through here Wednesday, April 21, enroute to Kansas City from Baltimore. The company included several well known performers who have appeared in the past at the Booker Washington theater. They were the guests of Mr. Turpin at the first show Wednesday evening, and left the city at 9 p. m. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeLyons, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelly Meadows and Mr. King were guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Meadows. The company will fill a summer engagement in Kansas City.

Negro Teacher Gets Cent Verdict Against Paper.

Benjamin H. Mosby, a negro teacher in the Sumner high school, was awarded a verdict of 1 cent damages by a jury in Circuit Judge Rassieur's Court against the Argus Publishing Company, J. E. Mitchell, managing editor of the Argus, Herbert T. Meadows, city editor, and Homer G. Phillips and George L. Vaughn, attorneys at law. Mosby sued for $5,000 actual and $5,000 punitive damages for an article printed September 18, 1914, in the Argus, which Mosby said reflected on his moral character.

Charges against Mosby were heard by the school board last summer and he was exonerated. Ben Blewett, superintendent of instruction, testified that all he had heard about Mosby's alleged actions consisted of rumors. He said Mosby was an excellent teacher and that the superintendent had no personal knowledge of any misconduct on Mosby's part.

Herman Mauch, president of the school board, and Edward A. Raithel, a member of the board, also testified they had been unable to substantiate rumors against Mosby.

The defendants denied they wished to have Mosby removed for personal reasons, and said the article was printed merely because they felt the negroes of St. Louis should be made aware of an alleged situation at Sumner high school. The verdict is considered a victory for the defendants.

The Mexican Kid, who has beat every boy from 122-135 pounds he has met here, added another victim to his list when he defeated Kid Moore, Friday, April 23, at the Future City A. C. Open to meet any boy in the world at 122 to 133 lbs. Address all mail to Tom Turpin, 2333 Market street, St. Louis.

The performers and house employes of the Booker Washington theater, including an erstwhile Mr. Carter, were royally entertained last night, the 23d, at the Waiters' Alliance club by Mr. Franklin, the president of same. We were served with a line of nice drinks and a most highly appreciated lunch after the boys had entertained the guests in three 3 round sparring contests, which was very pleasing. Toasts by several gentlemen were said in honor of our esteemed friend and performer, the one and only Tim Moore, who is at present heading the Turpin Artists. Others who were present were Braxton & Nugent, Davis (Bob) & Davis (Irene), Bowman & Bernett, Tim and Hester Moore, Chas. & Tom Turpin and wife, Hambone Jones and several others whom I have forgotten their names, and too much cannot be said about Mr. Franklin who after seeing the success of pleasure last night decided to have performers' night every Wednesday evening and while I leave your city, Mr. Franklin will always remember you and your hospitality. The bill at B. W. theater this week was a show of merit, with Davis & Davis openers, Mystifying Mahatma, Braxton & Nugent. The coal men and Tim Moore as Patsy Boliver in a school act ably assisted by Bowman (Henri), Miss Bernett, Hambone Jones and clever Mrs. Hester Moore. We hope for a continuance in Mr. Moore's ability to please. Mr. Turpin has the old usual smile. May this engagement be long remember by yours professionally, Robt. and Irene Davis.

HUNTINGTON'S MINSTRELS.

(Pearl Moppin.)

The Mightiest are in Oklahoma doing very nicely. Thank you.

Fred Jenkins, tenor singer and one of our ball players, closed at Idabel, Okla., May 1st. He will be located at Hope, Ark.

Our ball team goes marching on; won every game this week.

Another new act by Jolly Davis was a winner, in which Mrs. Mazie Davis displays a beautiful wardrobe and Rufus Wiggs is also there with the good. This trio brings the house down when they close the act with "When the Moon Swings Low."

Rastus Lee and Ed Robinson are doing a nice and neat double buck dancing act.

William Saddler, our funny man, is a hard, constant worker and always has the audience with him. He never fails to score.

The team of Irving and Irving in a brand new act is going forty. Warren and Lillian are two very clever performers and deserve great credit.

Our fishing club made good at Bokhoma. They cought some fish.

Regards to all friends.

NOTICE TO ALL VAUDEVILLE PERFORMERS.

Oklahoma City, April 25, 1915.

If you have not, why do not work for Billy McClain. Everybody that has worked for him, knows that he was a blowed-up sucker after he was through. Take it from me, I know, for I put in one month with him. He had two teams and two single. They drew like I did—their breath. He is going to hand it to the wrong party some day, and we will read of a black burying in The Freeman. I had to leave a suit of clothes for room rent in Okmulgee, Okla. Friends knew me and gave me money to eat on. Understand me, I was working every night. If you work for Mr. Cook, manager and owner of the Yale theater at Oklahoma City, Okla., your money is as good as gold. This is my third time at his house this winter. Everybody in the business knows me, for I have been in it since I was 8 years old, and I am 37 now, so you know the rest. Wishing The Freeman the best luck in the world. You know the old song, "Sailor, Beware," this is the base solo fellows. Regards to friends in and out of the profession.

Yours Truly,
"HOT-AIR" WILLIAMS,
"The Human Volcano."

All mail will reach me through The Freeman.

DEATH OF MRS. EMMA R. SMITH.

En Route, August, Ga.

Emma Smith, known to the profession as Emma Skinner, died Saturday, April 24th. Mrs. Smith had been ill for some time and her death, although expected, was quite a shock to her many friends. She embraced the Catholic faith and the last rites were administered by Rev. Father McDuffy. The following performers of the Tolliver Musical Comedy Company donated to the relief of the bereaved family: C. W. Park, $5; H. McPhillips, $1; The Tollivers, $5; the Woodens, $1; the Wells, $1; the Raineys, $1; H. H. Rugsley, 50c; J. A. Grant, 50c; King Williams, 25c; R. B. Howard, 25c; W. Richardson, 25c; Evelyne White, $1; Ada Lockheart, $1; Susie Hawthorne, $1; Cleo Potters, $1; Leola Grant, $1; Clara Smith, $1; Edw. Lightfoot, 50; Elex Lovejoy, 50c; A. Williams, 25c; F. Chapman, 25c; J. Edwards, 25c. The floral offerings were very beautiful. Interment was in Mt. Pezgar cemetery. She leaves a husband, two brothers and one son to mourn her death.

M. McQUITTY WRITES FROM SPARKS' ANNEX BAND

Our second Sunday finds us still in West Virginia. Elkins is a very pretty little place to spend Sunday. We got in about 8:30 this morning and at 10 o'clock our tents were up and breakfast over and then the boys had a chance to stroll about. We are having some fine weather. We had slight showers in Beckley, Hinton and Marlinton, but not enough to hurt our attendance very much. Our show is moving northward fast and the next two weeks will find us in Ohio and Indiana. I regret to state I failed to mention the fact that R. O. Henderson joining us at Salisbury from Kansas City. When he came he could hardly get around on account of sickness. So Mr. Sparks went to Mr. Wright and told him that Henderson could not make it, so he immediately put him on the train with a ticket and money enough to go back to Kansas City. Too much praise cannot be spoken of this act of kindness on the part of Mr. Chas. Sparks. Many managers would have let the man out without that consideration. A. A. Wright and M. McQuitty say hello, P. G. Lowrey. I noticed in last issue of The Freeman that shows may come and shows may go, but Allen's Minstrels goes on forever. Let it be known that "some troopers happen to know just how they go." For the actors and musicians' sake I hope Allen's show is doing as well in the towns as they are through the paper. Jas. Banson is doing nicely singing a "Barnyard Bamboree." Little Rustus Airship is cleaning with his dancing. Our band and show is good.

WHAT'S WHAT ON THE S. H. DUDLEY CIRCUIT—WEEK OF MAY 3, 1915.

Washington, D. C.—S. H. Dudley Theatre: Johnny Woods, Jones & Gray. Howard Theatre: Kenner & Williams, Eleven Tango Fiends, Ozar & Krazo. Jewel Theatre: Hellens & Austin.

Baltimore, Md.—Lincoln Theatre: Bonnie & Semoura, Dick & Struffin.

Roanoke, Va.—Boston Theatre: Gray & Dunlap.

Richmond, Va.—Dixie Theatre: String Beans, Pennell & Holden, Pace & Simmons.

Danville, Va.—Columbia Theatre: Closed for repairs.

Philadelphia, Pa.—New Standard Theatre—Big vaudeville show.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Lincoln Theatre: Rollison & Douglas.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Crown Garden Theatre: Stevens & Stevens.

Louisville, Ky.—Ruby Theatre: Mack & Johnson.

Chicago, Ill.—Grand Theatre: Buster & Bailey.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

CAMBRIDGE, Md.—This is to say that I, Arthur E. Benjamin, am not leasing Green's opera house but I am leasing Mr. W. M. F. Applegroth opera house, a white lawyer and president of the Farmers' National bank at Cambridge, Md. Green once had this same theatre but the property fell back into the proprietor's hands, Mr. Applegroth and his name is the only name attached to my five-year lease and also have the privilege to purchase this opera house first of any one within five years. The little article published in the columns of this paper saying I had leased Green's opera house is a big fib. I do wish I was leasing Green's opera house then may be I could collect $107 for this. Mr. Green's note which he gave me on the Farmers & Merchants Bank for goods, and bought from him that was the property of a Baltimore concern and was falsely sold to me by Green. I was quickly told by the cashier at the bank that W. I. Green's check or note was not any good. Now Brother Green as your hope lost out or whoever write that little note. What I say is don't be a knocker.

I would like to hear from all good stock companies and road shows. Will place tickets to any people I know. There is no white man backing me or colored man backing me. If in doubt ask the New York office. They have just closed a nine-day engagement. I have just got lucky; that's all.

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(By Harry J. Earle.)

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Miss Dora Brown, our little soubrette, is still in Two Rivers, Wis., sick. We all wish her a speedy recovery, but her place is being ably filled by Clare Mont (Somebody's Girl).

Best wishes to all in and out of the biz. J. Walter Leroy Hulett, write me care of Freeman. Watch for our opening ad in Freeman.

RICHARD & PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS.

The boys are all rejoicing over the company going east as far as Denver.

The company had their first lay-off of the season at Glenwood Springs for three days, the 15th, 16th and 17th, after which we took up our regular dates beginning at Leadville, Colo., the 18th.

Friday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones, 716 Colorado avenue, Glenwood Springs, Colo., entertained Mr. Jerry Mills, Sidney Kirkpatrick, David Smith, W. King Phillips, Clarence Powell, P. G. Lowery and Wm. La DeAcklen. Mr. W. Valentine and H. Williams of the city were present to help make things pleasant for the boys.

Mr. P. G. Lowery joined the company at Grand Junction, Colo., as band director, as Mr. R. Leech will leave for his home in Canada May 1st. Mr. Leech is some musician and he has been filling two men's places, band director and orchestra.

Dr. Wm. La DeAcklen will leave the company May 1st to go back to his practice as dentist in Chicago.

(Wm. La DeAcklen.)

NOTES FROM ISRAEL WOODSON MINSTREL SHOW WITH THE BALLIN & WALLACE SHOWS.

(By William Boone.)

Are now in the State of Kentucky, playing to packed houses nightly; are at Corbin this week, Nicholasville the week of the 26th and the ghost walks every Monday night. We have a company of fifteen people. The team of Freeman and Freeman, Charlie and Mamie, are drawing with Conney melodies and Mrs. Freeman is drawing with easy rider. The team of Boone and Johnson—Mrs. Boone and Richard Johnson— are whooping up with their act, The Railroad Special. Mr. Nat Billips, the boy with the talking feet which bare none; Master Lee Echolas, better known as Rastus, the coming Bert Williams the rest of the bunch are getting theirs nightly.

Mr. Charlie Freeman, stage manager; Mr. Woodson, music director; William Boone interlocutor. The bunch sends best regards to all friends in and out. Woodson says hello Dewy and Dewy.

VIRGINIA MINSTRELS.

(By Honest Arthur L. Prince.)

After a few weeks of pretty fair business in the panic-sticken district of Central Texas, we gradually moved toward the western border, where the Rosin-Jaws (Pecks) reign supreme. The cattle raisers out this way don't seem to know anything about the panic, judging from the way they spend their dough and they have greenbacks galore. Our manager is copping the dough and the performers are getting their share. So everything is lovely. Minstrel managers are fast becoming wise to the fact that carnival colored people and the Uncle Tom's Cabin class when intermingled with a minstrel bunch form a pernicious ensemble. This season the Virginia Minstrels are composed of a group of merrymakers who travel in the vivace style, and most of whom are recognized as artists of rare ability. Mr. C. L. Erickson (our manager) is certainly enjoying the pleasures of life with his new high-geared automobile. Nothing seems to worry him and in a due course of time other managers will steal the idea. Get a good stage manager like Chas. Pewer and a competent band leader like Mr. J. H. McCamon, a real chef, a smart porter, also a hustling advance agent and there is the foundation of a show and everything will run like clock work. But when a show is messed up with poor food by an incompetent cook and the manager dog the performers around from tales brought to him from an ignorant stage manager and a self-made bogus band leader, who never have a pleasant smile for his musicians enmity will certainly exist in the company. We carry no electrical effects and gorgeous scenery, and such lies that frequent these columns in The Freeman will soon become obsolete. The cars are neat and clean and the berths are two high, plenty of room and we live just like one big happy family. The most complete outfit for both manager and performer extant. Wm. Randol is captain of our baseball team. We played only one game this season and lost. At Plainview we met the J. M. Busby's Minstrels. Lots of old friends had a glad handshaking. They were looking prosperous and from all reports were doing good business. More Anon.

THE HARRISON RAGTIME BAND, BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

(By Horace Harrison.)

I am not out on the road this season. Hoping that my friends are doing good. I have my own orchestra now. The Harrison Ragtime band played at club, April 26. Everybody was satisfied. Mr. Joe Lewis put on the lobster crawl. Regards to Dan Hull, Chas. Holloway and also my old time boss, Mr. J. C. O'Brien. Hello, E. A. Drew.

THE SILAS GREEN COMPANY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

(By Leon, the Magician.)

The show is still in old North Carolina doing a turn-away business. Leon, the magician, is still a special attraction in the concert. Prince Albert Gaines is still performing wonders in midair on the slack wire. Martin and Motley, Merrymakers Stock Company, is playing the Grand Theatre, Little Washington, N. C., with the following performers: Alice Russell, Eliza Beath, Van Clay, Chas. McKerson, Gallie Gaston and other performers. The company consists of eleven people. Leon, the magician, would like to hear from Joe Means, Watts Bros., Verner Massey and all friends. Care general delivery, Henderson, N. C.

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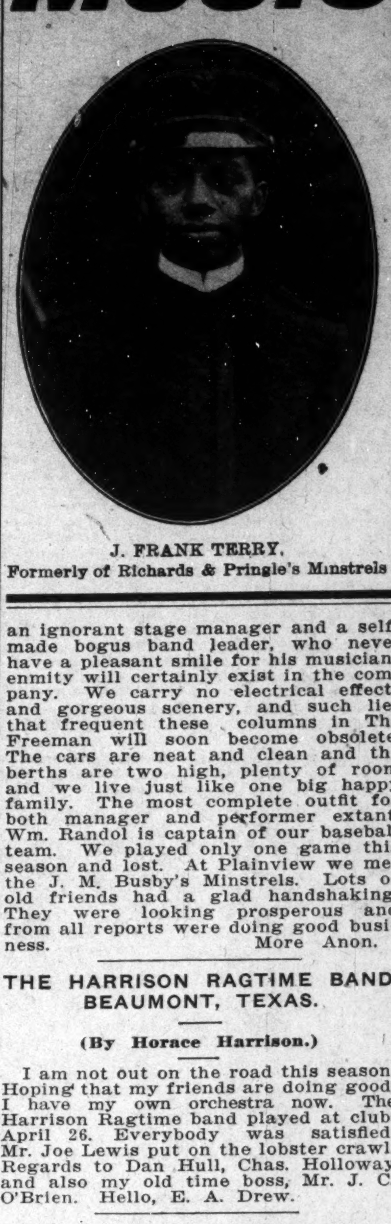

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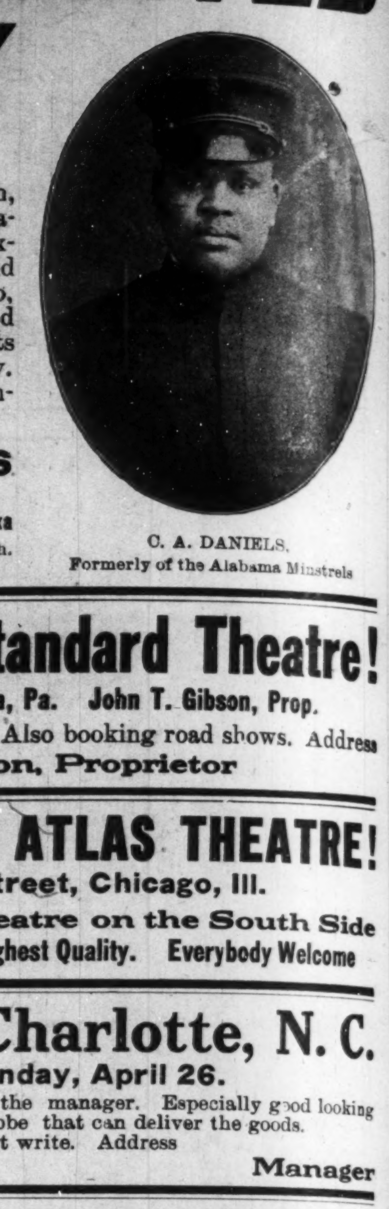

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REVIEWING THE GOOD ONES.

The Oldest Prize Fighter—Fast Pace Equals Fast Waste—Honus Wagner and the Sphere.

(By Billy Lewis.)

Years ago when the great Dr. Talmadge was living, and preaching such graphic sermons, he was one of the country's chief attractions. The white press and many white preachers had very much to say about him. His sermons were seen in many daily papers every Monday just as he delivered them each Sunday. The colored preachers also grew fond of him; he was often quoted by them, especially when he did the big talking about the planets and other things of that nature. He liked to talk about big things. His description of the pyramids was perhaps the best ever given. He made one see the vastness of the great structure; he showed the vast interior and so forth. It was a fine supplement to the geography in the instance. In short his sermons were a sort of handbook or guide to many sciences, literature—studies in general. He reminded one of Lord Bacon of whom McCaulay said humanity should thank God for. And McCaulay was a master mind himself. The point I wish to make is that Dr. Talmadge so impressed himself in his day that when he died it was somewhat irreverently asked, "What will Negro ministers now do?" The question was illustrative of his leadership, won by an all compelling knowledge and his ceaseless survey of the same.

The question may well be asked of the sport writers: "What will they do since Jack Johnson has slipped from the limelight?" As long as he "reigned" whatever was said of him was greedily sought and greedily devoured. I have already said that he gave the boxing business dignity. Not because he was so dignified, and yet he was no slob, but because his position caused serious thought and reflection. Men discussed him seriously, and the championship. So far he stands the apex of the pugilistic business. However, the writers are not down and out because of the exit of one Jack Johnson. There are other Hamlets, so let the play proceed.

The Oldest Prize Fighter.

I am rehashing a story of the oldest prize fighter. It is good enough as it is, but limited space requires brevity. Some one has said brevity is the soul of wit. I throw that thought in by way of parenthesis because it is too good to lose. I am not so sure that brevity is the soul of wit, but that's not the question. James Kelley, former heavyweight champion of Australia, whose death occurred several months ago, lived 92 years. This remarkable old age for a prize fighter puts to rout the theory that the rapid pace of the prize fighting ring men clips off the possible years at the end. But that does not spell a thing. Kelly, one would think, was an exceptional man. It stands to reason that Kelly nor any other man can fight men and booze and the other allurements that are so bewitching to the ordinary human kind and yet live to a ripe old age. Mark Twain is quoted as saying that he attained his old age and good health in spite of the fact that he did what he found pleasure in doing without the possible after effects. He, if he lived according to the program he gave out, is simply an exception to the rule. It is plain to the thoughtful that every excess has its penalty. Every physical movement means friction. Every mental movement means something similar, friction or its equal. Every carousal means a striking down of the sum of efficiency, mental and physical. We won't find it necessary to read books or to consult doctors on those propositions. We are our own chronometers. Read them and get wise. What a wise provision. We can know exactly where we are at all the time if we are thoughful enough to read our "logs"—our indicators.

There is much of bohemia yet in the human kind in spite of the fine work of civilization. The many sit on the tendency owing to conventional laws, and which make for respectful society. It's a great thing that we are held in leash, by sentiment, mostly, by sentiment, but assisted by the fear of punishment in other courts than sentiment. A good big per cent., nevertheless, break away, indulging to excess in all directions, and consequently subtract from their possible days. Prize fighters and other sporting people whose very success depend on fine physical and also mental condition, are the ones most likely to forget the laws of their keeping. This proposition works out of it all, that, owing to their nature and environment they are strongly beset by some opposite something that is especially alluring, and which tends to undo them. Here is a chance for a most beautiful sermon on "fitting nemesis," or the adjustment of temptation. I mean that for every attitude in life there seems to be a near temptation as if made to fit the occasion. It will be seen how one question evolves from another like corollaries falling from geometrical demonstrations, always giving the thoughtful something to think and talk about. So "us" sport writers needn't worry because of the absence of the erstwhile piece-de-resistance.

A Bit of Kelly's Biography.

James Kelley, or Australian Kelley, won the championship of that country in 1848. My informant does not tell from whom the championship was invested. This lack of information may be set down as gross ignorance for a sport writer, but if one can keep up pretty well with what's doing at home in these busy times he is doing pretty well. Kelley was the oldest prize fighter, and he had the distinction of having fought the longest battle on record, a battle of the most rounds, 108. The rounds, however, did not last three minutes as they do today under the Marquis of Quensberry rules. Then it was when a man was knocked down that ended the round. Then a man could be knocked down at anytime he chose to go down and take a rest of 30 seconds, even a minute by special arrangement. The fighters could also wrestle, the man being thrown down, the round ended. It is natural that the fighters took advantage of the rules, needlessly going down to avoid punishment. The rounds in the meanwhile soared high because so often cut short.

Mr. Wagner and the Sphere.

Following is a little sketch of Hans Wagner, the well known Pittsburgh shortstop. It is so interesting that it won't stand mutilation. However, owing to the length of the article it is given only in part:

Hans Wagner is the one great baseball star who never commercialized his greatness. None of baseball's side lines ever appealed to him. He has ignored dozens of attractive stage offers; advertising concerns have vainly offered him big sums for the use of his autograph or picture; newspaper syndicates and magazines have made him the biggest kind of inducements to "write" for them, but the famous German has flatly ignored every proposition where he may have added many more thousands per annum to the $10,000 he has been getting from Barney Dreyfuss for the last ten years.

Despite his frugal nature and simple mode of life Honus never showed any money mad tendencies, and he entered his forty-second year Feb. 24 about $100,000 short of what he would have stored away had he swallowed the hundreds of moneyed baits cast out to him since he established his greatness, more than fifteen years ago.

Never Made "Side" Money.

What he now has in cash, automobiles, and a few little properties in his home town of Carnegie, Pa., represents his earnings on the ball field. Not one penny has he ever "made on the side," although his face and his name probably have been in greater demand than those of any other man in the game.

Honus, for eighteen years has been the greatest individual earning power of the National league. His rod and gun, the wild woods, streams, and country roads brought too much joy to his simple, boyish nature for him to engage in any work on the side in the off season.

Prefers Common Clothes.

Corduroys, jeans, and homespun sufficed for Honus, and he could always wear his blue flannel shirt and a wash polka dot tie around the fashionable hotels with the ease and grace of a dolled up millionaire. With lots of money and a thorough willingness to spend it, the great exponent of the simple life could order ham and eggs three times a day at the Waldorf-Astoria with all the poise and sang froid of any gentleman. There never has been a false move or frill to the German's makeup, and he is the same carefree boy in gorgeous environment as he is when alone in the woods with his dogs.

The patches of gray that began showing on those Teutonic temples some years ago are whitening. As a shortstop he probably is through, but he is still fast, tricky, and good enough to be depended upon to fill the Pirate's first base. Those oft cartooned curved limbs have been hacked to pieces by flying steel in the last eighteen years, but Honus himself thinks they are sound enough to carry him through 100 or more games a year until about 1920.

Wagner Refuses to "Write."

For ten years syndicate writers have tried in vain to loosen Wagner's tongue and make him talk and "write" for publication. Honus never could see it. He refused big offers of cash with the remark:

"I ain't no writer, and don't pretend to be. Reporters are paid for that kind of stuff, and it's not a ball player's job."

Honus stood firm against cash offers and guarantees of big dividends. But he had a weakness, and one writer on the staff of a baseball publication knew it. When this man reached Carnegie recently for a talk the German was as obdurate as ever. Finally the scribe drew forth a package. As he unpacked it the eyes of Honus glistened like those of a kid around a Christmas tree. It contained a shotgun worth about $65.

The Honus Wagner dope is so good that I have concluded to do the serial gag—continue in our next. I leave him with a $65 shotgun. In the language of Bulwer Lytton, "what will he do with it?" See next issue.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Buffalo claims over 2,000 amateur athletes interested in baseball, tennis and other outdoor activities.

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The week of May 16 is to be known as national motorcycle week by those who are booming cycle sports.

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Cornell university, eastern intercollegiate track and field champions, have lost half of last year's point winners through graduation.

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Tom Flanagan, of Toronto, will endeavor to arrange a professional sculling race for the championship of America between Eddie Durnan, of Toronto, present holder, and Frank Hagney, of Australia, a sculler boxer.

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Baseball was the most popular sport at the University of Illinois last year, as 366 turned out for the varsity and 252 for fraternity nines. In all 1,748 students, and two-thirds of those in attendance at the institution, turned out for athletic contests.

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Los Angeles yachtsmen are expected to enter a $10,000 yacht in the race for the King's cup, which will be held at the San Francisco exposition on August 15 next. The boat will measure approximately thirty-eight feet. The King's cup race will be for thirty-eight raters, and promises to be the feature event of the regatta.

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Martin Sheridan, ex-champion allround athlete, is thinking of starting preparations for the decathlon championship, which will place the all-round events in amateur athletic union championships this year. The elimination of the walk and the substitution of the discus in the decathlon, gives the former Olympic champion an opportunity to come back.

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The final association football game for the English cup, the blue ribbon event, of the kicking style of football will be staged on the ground of the Manchester United Club at Trafford, Manchester, England, between Chelsea and Sheffield United on Saturday, April 2. This is the event which attracts bigger crowds than world's series baseball games, the annual attendance at Crystal Palace, London, when the final tie is usually played, accommodates 100,000.

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Frank Wood is the champion allround swimmer of Canada. Wood has won ten championships in the past month, competing in the Canadian, Ontario university of Toronto and Central Y. M. C. A. of Toronto tournaments. Four of the victories carried national (Canadian) titles with them. An array of fourteen medals gathered in four meets on consecutive Saturdays attest Wood's prowess in the water. Art Allan, the Canadian national diving champion, has been hard pressed by Wood in the diving events. He will compete no more until the outdoor season arrives, when he hopes to get a chance at George Hodgon, the Montreal sprint champion. Wood is the star of the University of Toronto water polo team and scored seven of the eight goals made against McGill university in their recent intercollegiate meet.

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NEW YORK.—The Sam Langford-Sam McVey bout, which was to have been held April 21, was called off. Langford's poor showing at Montreal a few nights ago, against Porky Flynn is the cause.

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HUDSON, Wis.—Freddie Welsh, the world's champion, and Red Corbett Watson, of California, boxed a lively ten-round bout here April 21, before a small crowd. Neither fighter seemed inclined to slug, and from a boxing standpoint it was about even.

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ST. PAUL, April 20.—The house bill, legalizing ten-round no-decision boxing matches in the three first-class cities of Minnesota—Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth—passed the state senate yesterday, 35 to 32, after several minor amendments has been adopted. Concurrence by the house in these amendments will be necessary before the bill goes to the Governor.

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MONTREAL.—What was to have been a ten-round bout here last week between Sam Langford and Porky Flynn was stopped in the eighth round by the referee, who ordered the two heavyweights from the ring. The referee, it was stated, stopped the fight because the spectators were not satisfied with the exhibition. The crowd showed its approval by hooting and hissing the pugilists. The fighters, it is said, had been warned in advance.

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CHICAGO.—Ad Wolgast, one-time king of the lightweights, has turned promoter. He is representing a Wisconsin syndicate which had $26,000 for Mike Gibbons and Packey McFarland the minute they attached their monickers to a set of articles. Who is back of the syndicate Ad refused to say.

"Twenty-five thousand will be paid for the bout itself and a $500 bonus will be paid each man the minute he signs," said Ad.

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Chicago for the first time got a glimpse of the new white champion April 21—Jess Willard. Accompanied by Tom Jones and three sparring partners, the big Kansas dropped off a train here and laid over two hours before proceeding to Kansas City.

Some of the veterans in Chicago's ringdom said Jess looked just the same as he did when he was grabbing off the free lunch around these parts.

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BOSTON.—Gunboat Smith was awarded the decision over Tom McCarty, of Montana, in the twelve-round main bout at the Atlas Athletic Club April 21. It was not a fight to rave about, for not until the eighth round did the men exert themselves. A very small house probably was the reason for the gentleness of the tilt. In the first five rounds it was plainly visible that they were not trying. In the eighth round the Gunner went to work. A right overhand punch put McCarty down for nine, and although the westerner was about all in Smith couldn't finish him.

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NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Eddie Palmer, of New Orleans, knocked out Willie Langford, of New York, in the fourteenth round of their twenty-round scheduled fight at Tommy Burn's arena last night. Langford had won every round up to the twelfth, and the thirteenth was even. A right-hand uppercut to the stomach floored him. He claimed referee Buddy Griffin miscounted; that he was only trying to recover.

STIGALL LEAVES FOR SANDUSKY TO TRAIN THOMPKINS.

DAYTON, OHIO, May 3.—Arthur Stigall, the local colored lightweight, left for Sandusky today to train "Kid" Thompkins for his fight with Abe Smith, of Cleveland on May 10. Thompkins' manager had heard a great deal about Stigall as a trainer and skillful boxer so he lost no time in getting the local lad soon after he signed his boy with the Sixth City boxer. Smith and Thompkins will go ten rounds at Sandusky on the date above mentioned. They will weigh 140 pounds each.

Billy Benson, the Richmond promoter, wrote to Stigall that he would hold open-air fights this summer. They will be held at the Richmond baseball park. He has matched Stigall with Young Joe Gans of New Orleans for a bout on July 4 at Richmond.

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The car that either Hughie Hughes or Eddie Rickenbacher, stellar contestants in the next Indianapolis 500-mile race, wouldn't drive to the limit, has yet to be built. Both these men will take any chances, and successfully, as Rickenbacher proved by winning last year's Sioux City sweepstakes, and Hughes by helping Mercer to the 1911 light car championship. In the next Indianapolis race Hughes is scheduled to pilot an F. R. P., while Rickenbacher will steer a Maxwell.

KID TURNER UTTERS A DEFI.

Evansvile, Ind.

Sporting Editor.

Dear Sir—I am open to meet any boy in the country at 142, 145 and 148 pounds ringside. Kid Black, Bat. Viney, Lew Williams and Gerillo Jones preferred. I would like to hear from all clubs and matchmakers. Address 574 Upper First street, Evansville, Ind.

THE WAR IS OVER.

NEW ORLEANS, May 1.—Dominick Tortorich and Tommy Burns formed a partnership today to promote fights in New Orleans in the future, Tortorich was driving every one of the promoters taking 50 per cent. of Burns' holdings. This ends the prize fight war, which to bankruptcy.

LITTLE ARTHUR STIGALL ACCEPTS RATTLE SNAKE'S CHALLENGE.

Dayton, O.

Sporting Editor of Freeman:

Dear Sir—I accept the challenge of Rattlesnake Kid, of Shreveport, La. I would also like to meet Kid Black, of West Baden and Kid Clark of Indianapolis. Yours very truly,

ARTHUR STIGALL.

Billy Benson, Mgr., Arlington Hotel, Richmond, Ind.

FIGHT FILMS SHOWN.

TORONTO, Ontario, April 30.—For the first time on any screen the Johnson-Willard fight "movies" were shown here at Shera's theater. The exhibition was a private one and was witnessed by newspaper men and other invited guests of Tom Flanagan. The films were sent here in bond from Havana and developed at the studio of a local moving picture concern.

EVERS TO GET BACK IN GAME.

NEW YORK, April 28.—According to a statement given out today by Herman Nickerson, secretary of the Boston Braves, Captain John Evers is not in nearly as bad condition as has been generally understood. Manager Stallings expects Evers to return to the club by May 11, when the western clubs make their first invasion of the east. A thorough examination of the player's ankle disclosed that only a small bone had been moved out of place, and it is now back in position. Evers already is walking, although he is not putting any weight on the ankle.

AT SEA ON THE GOOD SHIP ARKANSAS.

To the Sporting Editor:

Dear Sir—We have left Guantanamo, Cuba, and are now heading for the States, and after target practice in The Southern Drill Ground (Tangier Sounds) we go to New York for three months so our naval bouts are over now until we reach the West Coast in July 31. Until July I'm ready to meet all you land fighters, also I'm ready for those pugs who have been hollering that they can get no one to meet them. Well, Sailor Burton's in town, so nuf sed. It will only take me one week to get accustomed to this climate. Hope you bantams will not sidetrack me like in Cuba. I remain,

Yours in sport,

SAILOR BURTON, Bantam.

HUNTER TAKES THE COUNT IN THE FOURTEENTH ROUND.

(By Bill Hogue.)

New Orleans, La.

If Frank Hunter was ever the possessor of the title of colored fightweight champion of the world, Leo Johnson is now the champion. Johnson did the stunt last night and picked the fourteenth round for it.

Hunter showed nothing from the start, practically letting the local lad rush him from one side of the ring to the other, which finally resulted in his undoing. It must be said for Hunter, though, that during the first five or six rounds he did all the leading, which made the fight during these rounds.

In the early part of the contest Johnson discovered that the visiting negro didn't like them in the stomach and in the face, and so proceded to put them there with the precision of a champion. He played with Hunter at times, letting him jab him in the face, but it did the Johnson boy no visible harm.

The end came in the fourteenth round when the local negro sent one to the solar plexus and followed it with another of the same caliber. Hunter went down on all fours, while Referee Wambsgans tolled off the fatal figures.

In the semi-final Kid Teco and Kid Green, Jr., waltzed through fifteen rounds, which resulted in the decision being given to the Teco boy. Teco seemed to take the contest as a joke and pulled off his usual grandstand plays. In the preliminary Jamaica Kid was awarded the decision over Kid McCoy, the contest going four rounds. Patsy Hogan refereed these two latter bouts and his decisions were very popular, which goes to show that Patsy is improving right along.

PINE BLUFF, ARK., NEWS.

Last week a delegation of leading Negroes met Gov. Hays at Little Rock by appointment to discuss the student's side of the branch Normal affairs. The governor made them welcome and assured them that he was not aware of such being the case and advised the Negroes that if their schools were not morally clean that it was up to them to clean them out by bringing such matters to the attention of those who can correct. The governor further said that if the leaders had known that matters were not right in the past, that they had done their people an injustice by not bringing these matters to light before now. The governor has given us a chance to turn on the light and why chew so much, but get busy. Do not leave it for the helpless children to start matters agoing. We know, see and hear what is up and we have been idling of our time.

Will Mays and Walter McGill have gone to 224 West Fifth at A. D. Bailey's, Little Rock, where you can find all the sport news on bulletins. Base ball, fight and show, and other good things.

Mr. Geo. Harris is this season at the Longley Park booking all shows and vaudeville.

Dr. O. Bryant's drug store is making a hit with all.

Mr. Geo. Harris gave a benefit entertainment for the Col. Y. M. C. A. at the park. Five hundred invitations were out and a good attendance.

Alonzo Moore is here with his magic.

NEWS FROM GREENWOOD, MISS.

(By H. G. Motley.)

We had a couple of happy days here last week during the opening games of the baseball season, Greenwood Foutians vs. Jackson College.

First day—

Jackson College ---------------13
Greenwood ---------------6

Second day (double-header) the first game—

Greenwood Foutians ---------------7
Jackson College ---------------6

Second game—

Jackson College ---------------6
Greenwood Foutians ---------------1

The Greenwood Foutian club is newly and strongly organized. Jim Randolph ,president; Arthur Coleman, manager; Dr. C. C. Rice, secretary-treasurer. Send all communications to secretary, 503 Main street. Phone 895. Greenwood, Miss.

Some excellent music was rendered by the Big Six orchestra of this city. This orchestra is making a hit all over the South.

The P. S. C. is traveling to success.

LAKELAND (FLA.) LINES.

Mrs. N. L. Holmes was out of the city a few days last week.

Harry Burney spent Sunday at Orlando shaking hands with friends.

Mrs. Andrew Gordon is the proud mother of a fine baby girl, which arrived last week. Both are doing well.

James Thomas left at noon today for Agricola, Fla., where he expects to see about a business deal in stock.

Gussie Washing, our nustling real estate agent, closed a very valuable deal with J. R. Rivers, of Troy, Ala., last Monday. Mr. Rivers expects to make this his future home. He is very much in love with our beautiful inland city. We gladly welcome him here.

Raymond Martin was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Washington, Monday evening. Mr. Martin has closed his season at St. Petersburg and is enroute to New York City, where he expects to spend the summer.

Mrs. Ellen Thomas and children are preparing to leave for East Lake, where they will spend a few months with his mother-in-law and sisters. It is hoped that they will have a delightful vacation fishing and swimming in the beautiful Lake Weir. Mr. Thomas will be somewhat confined to business at the general store until the return of Mrs. Thomas, after which he will return to the furniture business in Washington Park.

The Y. M. C. A. movement had a fine meeting last night. They are getting out invitations for a banquet which will be on the first Wednesday night in May. They will hold their annual election of officers next Wednesday night.

The Progressive Sick and Burial Society, a Christian Home Protective Union, will hold its annual congress at the Masonic Temple on May 12, 1915. An elaborate program is being prepared.

Mrs. Clara Mickens is getting on her feet again after having been ill for several months.

James Jones has recovered from an attack of the lagrippe.

See Clifford W. Adams for The Freeman.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

Charles E. Mosely, 204 South street, left Monday evening for the races in Lexington, K. He will visit at Louisville, Ky., and several Ohio cities on his way home. -- Mrs. R. C. Peyton, of Olean, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. Charles Lilles, 1029 Mahoning avenue. -- Mrs. Wm. Brown, of Foster street, entertained a number of ladies in honor of Mrs. R. C. Peyton. -- The members of the Williams Jubilee Singers will arrive in the city Sunday for their concerts at the South High auditorium Monday and Tuesday evening under the auspices of Buckeye Lodge of Elks, No. 73. -- Messrs. Rev. John Ogborn, Roger Ogborn, Charles Berry, Don Berry, Clarence Robinson, Sully Johnson, Wm. Saunders, Dr. W. P. Burton, Robert Docket, Foster McAfee attended the Men's Club meeting of the Episcopal churches and missions of Trumble, Stark and Mahoning counties in Warren Monday evening. There were 150 present. J. P. Nelson, president of the club, presided. -- The ladies of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Augustine Episcopal Mission will give a cantata soon.

A YOUNG MAN MAKING GOOD.

Chicago's Very Able Newspaper Representive Steadily Climbing.

Cary B. Lewis, familiarly called around the city "the press" is the young man who has gained a number of friends since his arrival in Chicago. About four years ago Mr. Lewis came here as a representative of the Indianapolis Freeman and is still staff writer on that paper. He received his training in newspaper work after his graduation from the public schools of his home town on the Louisville Courier Journal (daily). After being here six months he went to Peoria, Ill., with the 8th regiment and became acquainted with all the men and officers of that body and has gone to camp every year with them as the "war correspondent." Six months later he became the managing editor of the Illinois Chronicle, a weekly paper that was high toned and influential, racy and well edited. As a publicity man he has managed several of the biggest affairs that have been pulled off in Chicago in recent years. Two years ago with Mr. R. S. Abbott, he started the "Help the Poor" on Christmas and two months ago inaugurated the Free Musicals at the Wabash Avenue Association which have been a big and growing success. Mr. Lewis is assistant editor of the Chicago Defender and writes weekly for the Indianapolis Freeman. As a publicity man and promoter he has proven that he knows the game for everything he has tackled thus far has been a howling success. Hs numbers among Chicago's best-liked young men. The Idea wishes him continued success."—Chicago Idea.

It may be further noted that since Mr. Lewis has been in the "Windy City" he has won two diamonds and a gold fountain pen in literary contests and is chairman of one of the leading committees of the Wabash Avenue Department, Y. M. C. A. His work as a writer for the Freeman has extended a period of little over seven years, starting in the city of Little Rock, Ark., and he has not missed a week with his timely and interesting letter. He has represented the Freeman on several important occasions of the race.

CORINTH, MISS.

Miss Mamie Corpland is indisposed this week. -- Miss Leita Bell Anderson has returned to the city after a visit in Paducah, Ky. -- Mrs. Hester Sprag died April 17. She had been a devoted Christian for 38 years. The funeral services were held in the M. E. church by the Rev. W. H. Golden. She is survived by two sons and six daughters, a host of other relatives and friends. -- Mr. W. F. Street is suffering with a severe cold this week. -- Revival meeting is being held at the M. E. church this week. Made 31 converts during the first week. -- The Corinth Colored Brass Band will appear in a concert at the Rex theater next week. -- C. E. Leak, the insurance agent and music teacher, spent Tuesday in Booneville, Miss., on business. -- Dr. Hover was a recent visitor in the city and he intends to locate here.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.

(By James Anderson.)

Mr. Charles Henderson, of Montgomery, W. Va., has his baseball club in line for this season. He has arranged for the strongest team in state. Now if you want to see a good game, don't miss this one.

Mrs. Ohley Davis, Mrs. Susa Marks, Mr. Nat Buster were business visitors in city last week.

The Antlar Cafe is now open to the public, 702 Court street. First class service open day and night. Amos Bros., prop.

GREENWOOD (MISS.) ITEMS.

(By H. G. Motley.)

The annual report of the Prodigy Society Club and results of the base ball game, Jackson College vs. Greenwood, Wednesday, April 21, will appear in next issue.

The "Big Six" Orchestra of this city is making a hit throughout the south and would like to hear from all first-class musicians.

GILMER, TEXAS.

If you wish to read The Freeman you will find it at Mrs. J. E. Latimore's millinery shop. If you desire to subscribe for a year see L. Turner. See Tommie Turner for the Aladdin lamp.

Mrs. Easter Serrell, of Gilmes lost her son on April 19th at 12:30 o'clock. Little Huey Serrell died. At all times Huey was calling on the Lord at the last. Died at the age of 20.

NEWS OF ST. JOSEPH, LA.

(By G. W. Terrell.)

Mr. Carneal Cullen, of Alcorn, Miss., a student of Alcorn College, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Cullens.

The Lake Providence District Conference A. M. E. church convened here April 22d at Grants Chapel A. M. E. church, and it is largely attended.

Mr. G. H. Woods, who has been in Chicago, Ill., for several months under surgical treatment, has returned home and is looking the picture of health, and we are glad to see him in our midst again.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

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Mr. J. B. Riley, of Lafayette, Ind., was in the city last week.

Wm. Steward, of Dayton, O., was in the city Sunday, the guest of friends.

The Thurman W. C. T. U. met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. M. W. Turner.

Mrs. W. A Gaines, of Evansville, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown.

The Phillis Wheatley club members were the guest of Mrs. Emma Singleton in Minerva street.

Mr. Samuel J. Evans, president of the S. J. Evans & Co., of Chicago, Illi., was a Freeman caller last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Timberlake are spending a week at Muncie, Ind., visiting their relativesand friends.

The teachers ofthe George Merritt Kindergarten No. 26 served a dinner at the building on last Thursday for the benefit of the work.

The Pansy Leaf club entertained its friends at a reception Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Katie Bowles, in honor of its second anniversary.

Mrs. Gertrude B. Hill left this week for her annual visits to the orders of the Eastern Star and the missionary societies ofthe A. M. E. churches of the state.

Mr. Earl D. Reynolds, employed here as a mail carrier, visited his parents last Wednesday at Danville, Ind., the occasion being the birthday anniversary of his mother.

Mrs. Katie Fretwell, who underwent a critical operation at the hospital several weeks ago, has been returned to her home, 614 North California street, where she is slowly recovering.

The annual sermon for the Knights of Pythias was preached at Bethel church last Sunday afternoon by the Rev. A. H. Maloney. F. B. Ransom will give the Pythian address.

Attorney R. C. Bailey, of this city, was recently called to his home at Florence, Ala., on account of the illness of his mother. He returned to the city Tuesday, leaving his mother much improved.

Mr. W. H. Fielding is again home after having visited his sick sister, of Lancaster, O., for several weeks. She is very ill and consequently Mr. Fielding is expected to be called back to that city at any time.

Dr. W. H. Mixon, of Selma, Ala., national auditor of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, will preach the annual sermon for the Odd Fellows in this city on Sunday, May 9th, at Bethel A. M. E. church.

William Ricketts, 710 North Senate avenue, chaffeur for Mr. Sol Meyer, 3316 Washington boulevard, was struck in the eye by a stray bullet from an air gun while looking out of a window at his employer's residence.

A chillren's cantata, entitled, "Queen o' the May," will be given at Second Christian church under the auspices of St. Margaret's Guild, for the benefit of St. Philips' Episcopal church, Tuesday, May 18, at 8 p. m. Admission, 10 cents.

Orestus J. Kincaid, regimental quartermaster-sergeant of the Twenty-fifth Infantry of the United States army at Honolulu, T. H., nephew of Mr. Chas. Baughman, arrived in the city last Wednesday and is the house guest of his uncle in California street.

William E. Pickens, instructor in Wiley university, Marshall, Tex., will address a citizens' meetin at Simpson chapel Monday evening, May 10, under the auspicesofthe local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mr. Pickens is an honor graduate of Yale university, and is ranked among the foremost colored educators and public speakers.

Miss Jeanette Walker, who has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. William R. Valentine for several years, is now with Mrs. Eliza Wells Bell, in West Twelfth street. Mrs. Valentine and her mother, Mrs. Penelope Booth, will be in the city a few days with friends before leaving for Bordentown, N. J., where Mr. Valentine recently accepted a position in the State Agricultural and Industrial school.

Mrs. W. E. Brown and Mrs. G. W. Brabham of the Woman's Improvement Club will conduct a meeting at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday evening, May 9, in the interest of the Fresh Air Camp on Oak Hill, at which time Mrs. Brown will make the address of the evening. There will be special music in the charge of Mrs. Willard Wilson, a solo by Miss Marion Shelton and a duet by Mrs. Eva James and Mrs. Mattie Lamond. The meeting will be in charge of the Baptist Young Women's Congress of the church.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH.

Madame Meadows is a most wonderful message bearer to the living, from the passed out, as all can readily see who attends her Spiritualist church at 514 Fulton street. She gave 59 messages last Monday night to a housefull of strangers and many were turned away for the want of seating space. Everybody is made welcome. Her subject last Monday night was "Christ Calling Lazarus from the Dead."

JOSEPH BRANTFORD SHOT AND SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Joseph Brantford, of Shelbyville, Ind., who was shot in that city in his pool room, is now in Indianapolis at the Dr. Robert Long hospital. He was seriously wounded. His relatives and friends hope for his recovery. His wife is at his bedside.

BENJ. E. BROYLES ENTERTAINS THE WHIST PLAYERS—THE WEST ENDERS STILL WINNING.

The West End and East End players were entertained by Benj. E. Broyles, at the home of Geo. G. Simmons, 1228 East Sixteenth street, last Monday evening.

The East End fellows battled bravely as usual, but in vain. They went down before the well nigh invincibles from the West. The West End players were Jos. Baughman, E. C. Knox, John Oliver, Archie Greathouse, Sam Faison and Doc Rivers. The East End players were Robt. T. Williams, Abe Stewart, Hayes Wilson, Ed. Scott, Dr. C. A. Toles and Bud White. The score was 215 to 197.

The usual cheer speed around, liquid and solid enjoyments, which are features of the meetings.

Next meeting at the home of E. C. Knox.

A FAIR AT TOMLINSON HALL

Given by the Woman's Council—A Popularity Contest.

The Woman's Council will give a fair at Tomlinson hall May 25-26 for the benefit of Alpha Home, Lincoln Hospital and other social welfare institutions.

The council is noted for its success in managing entertainments. The public has been extremely appreciative, rallying to them, giving them the much needed support for the institutions for which it has worked. And the women deserve success for the work they are doing. They are the good samaritans of the race, and as such should prosper in all of their efforts to do good. The public has helped them. They still expect its support. Now is the time again.

The popularity contestants are Mrs. Maud Farr, Miss Susie Chambers and Messrs. Hayes Bransford and Richard Chavers. The votes are 5 cents each.

JONES TABERNACLE, NORTH AND BLACKFORD STREETS.

Sunday is to be a great day at the Tabernacle and all who can should attend. Beginning with the five o'clock service, it is hoped that they may all prove to be a blessing.

Sister Dollie Lewis, the noted evangelist, and Miss Anna Thomas, the wonderful gospel singer, will close the great meeting they have had in progress. Sister Lewis will speak at 10:45 a. m. and at 7:45 p. m.

At 1 p. m. Prof. J. M. Benson will speak to the largest crowd ever assembled in the Sunday school and United Christian Endeavor rooms at Jones Tabernacle. This great man is easily regarded as among the greatest Sunday school experts in the state and to miss this opportunity of hearing him will simply mean that you have entailed a great loss upon yourself and your church. Hence the thing to do is to get in a class that day and be prepared in every way to help.

At 3:15 p. m. the three stewardess boards will do all in their power to have a pew rally. They have been very fortunate in securing the services of Rev. P. T. Gorham of Simpson chapel and congregation, and they will be there. You must be sure to be in some pew at that service.

At 7:45 Sister Lewis will close with a great sermon, we hope. Lunches will be served in the dining-room.

All the envelopes which have been put out will be returned at the Sunday services, it is hoped.

Y. M. C. A. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN ENCOURAGING

State Oratorical Contest to Be Held May 28—Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The returns in the membership campaign are very encouraging, as a large number of men have availed themselves of the reduced rates. The $10.00 business men's membership, which was to be obtained on the payment of $$5$.00 cash, has been the most popular. Due to insistent requests from many men who desired an extension of time in order to become members, the campaign will be continued until the 15th of May. The junior department has also reduced their membership and have been campaigning for new members. The $3.00 privileges can be secured at this time for $1.00 down and $1.00 in 30 days. The opportunity for a boy to learn to swim under the proper supersion should appeal strongly to parents who have the right sort of interest in their sons. The campaign leaders, Dr. Ward and Dr. Perkins are both putting forth splendid efforts in order that their respective teams may win. The combined forces are to meet Wednesday evening, May 12th, at the building.

The following organizations have signified their intentions of entering a representative in the state oratorical contest May 28th: Allen Chapel, Bethel Literary Society, Ethical Culture, Terre Haute Normal School and the Y. M. C. A. Others are expected in the immediate future. Medals of gold and silver will be awarded as prizes for first and second places respectively. The last date for applicants to enter has been set as May 15th.

Monday evening, May 3rd, a ten-day financial campaign was inaugurated, during which time the association is expecting to raise $1,000. All members and friends are asked to take part in this undertaking in order that the committee of managament may not be hampered for funds in prosecuting certain plans of large import in the next year's work.

Mr. George W. Cable, of the Internal Revenue Department, delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture, principally to the boys, on last Sunday. His remarks were equally enjoyed and appreciated by the grown-ups present.

Mr. George W. Hayes, James Black, C. L. Singleton, William Walker, J. F. Johnson and Walter M. Price met at the building Saturday evening and formulated plans for the organization of a tennis club. They will meet again Saturday evening, May 8th, and all members of the association interested in tennis are invited to be present.

A city wide swimming campaign will be conducted during the week of June 6th to 11th, through the schools and other agencies, affording opportunity free for all boys between the ages of 12 and 17 to learn to swim.

SECOND MEETING OF SERIES.

The Second Meeting in the Series of Public Educational Meetings in the Fight Against Tuberculosis to Be Held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and Witherspoon U. P. Church Sunday Evening, May 9th.

Mrs. W. E. Brown and Mrs. George R. Brabham will have charge of the meeting at Mt. Zion. The young women of the church will assist. There will be special music by the choir. Miss Marion Shelton and Mmes. Evie James and Mattie Lamond will be the soloists on this occasion.

Mrs. Mary E. Mays, visiting nurse for the Flower Mission, will give experiences and incidents calling attention to the great need of organized effort in this combat against the disease, while Mrs. Brown will tell of the work the women are doing in their attempt to alleviate the suffering.

Mrs. John Brice is in charge ofthe meeting at Witherspoon church, and besides special music, Mrs. Walter Price, a charter member of the club and one of the founders and most ardent supporters of the camp, will make the address.

Very few colored people in this city and throughout this state are without knowledge of the work done by the Woman's Improvement Club in its fight against the terrible ravages of tuberculosis among our people. Much good has been accomplished, although the work has wrought many hardships upon its faithful promoters. Often from crowded and squalid homes in this city to the camp on Oak Hill studded with its great trees and sanitary tents, these unfortunate persons cut down often in the prime of life and oftener in their youth, have been given a chance to regain health by living in God's out-of-doors, breathing the fresh pure air, eating the best food and getting the attention of a trained nurse and best of all, receiving the encouragement and consultation these noble women have endeavored at all times to give the patient. Is not this a work that all should share in equally? Will you not do your part by attending this series of educational meeting and spread the gospel of prevention as well as aiding the club in its work of alleviating those already afflicted? It is hoped that the proposed establishment of county hospitals for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis will make it unnecessary for the club to make this appeal for support from the public another year, but until these hospitals are assured we cannot affords to be derelict in this great duty. Large crowds should attend all of these meetings and a very generous response given even at a sacrifice.

Mrs. A. C. Simms is president of the club.

NEWS OF PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

Mr. John Richardson, who has been very ill, is some better. -- Mr. Ben Bell, who conducted a restaurant at 1159 Eleventh street, left Sunday morning to join his wife at College Hill, where she has been called to the bedside of her brother, A. Bailey, who is at the point of death. -- Miss C. Patterson, after about two weeks spent in the Columbus hospital, passed away last Friday. Her remains were brought to this city Saturday afternoon and taken to the home of her sister and brother at the rear of Findlay street. She was buried Monday morning from the M. E. church. She leaves one sister, Mrs. F. Calaway, and two brothers, Robert and Harry Patterson, other relatives and friends. -- Mrs. Mary Kinney, who has been ill for the past two months, is resting as well as can be expected. She is at her daughter's, Mrs. G. Smith, on Thirteenth street. -- Miss E. Haley, of Union street, entertained Mrs. G. Starks and Miss N. Robinson last Friday evening. -- The A. M. E. sewing circle met last week at the home of Mrs. Fannie Saunders, of Fourteenth street. After business, a two-course lunch was served. All members were present. -- The Jaunita club met in regular session last week at the home of Mrs. Flora Starks, Thirteenth street. She was assisted by Mrs. Fannie Saunders. All members were present. After needle work, a dainty lunch was served, which ended the afternoon pleasure. -- Jane Hurd was born in Manchester, O., in August, 1833, and died in Postmouth, O., April 8, 1915, aged 82 years and 8 months. Five children were born to her, three daughters and two sons. There were 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was a member of Findley street church. The children: Mrs. Martha Ellis, Mrs. Maggie Smith, of Portsmouth, O.; Mrs. Lizzie Coleman, Columbus, O., and Joseph and John, Portsmouth, O. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ellis. Interment in Greenlawn cemtery. -- The Twelve Hand club met Friday evening at the home of Miss Elizabeth Haley, on Union street. Five members were present and all had a delightful time. -- The baby of Mr. and Mrs. K. Fossett has been very ill, but is some better.

CENTRAL CITY, KY.

The Parents and Teachers' Association, Ladies' Improvement Club, together with the pupils, had a lovely exhibit at the school house of work done by each during the school year, including basketry, bag-making, crocheting, etc.; also demonstration of bread, cake and jelly making. A beautiful program was rendered. All were inspired after viewing the excellent exhibit to do much better work in the future. All were served ice cream, sherbert, cake and candy. The school room looked like a garden of flowers. The children were all made happy. The parents co-operated with them, thus all went away rejoicing. The teacher is doing much good in our community.

Miss Lillian Owens and Mr. Willons Alexander were quietly married Wednesday.

The stork visited three homes here last week and left a fine boy at each. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, Dennis Alexander and M. Phillips are the proud parents.

The rally at the A. M. E. Zion church Sunday was something fine. One hundred dollars were the proceeds.

Mrs. Cornelia Funsil attended the funeral of Harrison Maddox, of Rockport, Ky., who was killed by the "possum hunters," an unlawful band of men who are operating in this part of the State.

Rev. Dr. Monroe McLendon, of St. Louis, Mo., who is here practicing, had a very severe fall Saturday caused by his crippled knee giving away. He was picked up and brought to his boarding place in an automobile by a very kind white man of this town, Mr. Jennings.

TAMPA, FLA., NEWS.

The Grand Father Clause which has been introduced into the legislature of this state has been bitterly fought by the Negroes. Lawyer D. W. Perkins was sent to Tallahassee to represent the people of this vicinity. There are a great many other laws which are an injustice to Negroes being passed during this session. Gen. Lee surrendered to Grant over fifty years ago, but the white people of the Southland have never surrendered in spirit and in truth. Their unbending efforts are to keep the Negro down. -- The Tampa Bulletin, with Rev. Pittman, editor, has made its advent into Tampa. The first issue was a very creditable showing. -- Mrs. Addie Walkeris spending a few weeks in Columbus, Ga., with relatives. -- The picnic given on the 3rd inst., at Beauty Heights Park, by Harlem Academy, was the largest of the season. -- Miss Blanche Hayes, a graduated trained nurse, is quite an acquisition to Tampa's young society. -- The Phillis Wheatley Art Club have been doing considerable charity work during the past few weeks. They are now planning to give a linen shower for the charity ward of the Clara Frye hospital. -- We are pleased to notice r. D Breland Brumick in our midst again. -- Get The Freeman each week from the agent, Miss Margaret Howard.

WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE DOING IN MAYFIELDD, KY.

(By Lurny Mae Galbreath.)

Mrs. Irene Langford, of Indianapolis, Ind., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Will Thompson, 1428 Ridgeway street. -- Master Avon Jackson is suffering with a sprained ankle at his home on East Water street. -- Mr. Henry Tiggs is very sick and confined to his bed. -- Mrs. Lizzie Keys is very sick at her home in the West End. -- Mrs. Edna Reaves is convalescing at this writing. -- Mrs. Cora Gamble is numbered among the sick. -- Some very unpleasing words have been said about the agent by a party that never buys their paper. I'll never send any scandalizing news on our race to be published, because scandalizing is not upbuilding. We leave that for the Messenger to do every Monday and Friday after city court. I say to those who want to know the good and noble deeds of the Negro to get the Freeman at 406 East Water street, or ring Old Phone 325.-- Mrs. Bertha Williams has returned from a visit in Paducah. -- The music pupils of Miss Sadie Beadles will be given a piano forte recital in the latter part of this month at her home on East Water street. Miss Beadles has fourteen pupils and all are doing nicely. She will be assisted by Miss Lillian Hale. -- Mrs. Fanny Tucker is slightly indisposed. -- Mr. P. S. Draine is able to be up at this writing.

NEWS OF EAGLE MILLS, ARK.

Special to The Freeman.

The home talent concert with M. L. Rowe's Orchestra is now doing fine. We are to be in Camden Monday night, May 10, at Odd Fellows Auditorium, 7:30 p. m. Street parade at 7 o'clock. Don't fail to be there. Admission 10 cents. -- Miss Oda Adams has been the guest of our city for a few days. -- A number of people from here attended the conference at Millville last week.

SADIE B. DUNGEY AND THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION TRIP.

White contestants in the Panama-Pacific exposition contest have been circulating the rumor among colored people that Mrs. Sadie B. Dungey has withdrawn from the contest, which statment Mrs. Dungey says is absolutely untrue. She is working faithfully and her friends and their friends are assisting her in every way possible. Mrs. Dungey feels much encouraged and feels confident that she will win the trip. She asks that her friends continue to save their coupons and give as many subscriptions as possible.

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INFORMATION WANTED.

Concerning the whereabouts of Mrs. Ella Galbreth. When last heard of she lived on Forest avenue, between 17th and 18th street, in Kansas City, Mo. Any one knowing of her whereabouts will do a great favor by addressing Mrs. Lula Warren, 2113 East Cadiz street, Dallas Texas. Business of value awaits her. May 22

LOST RELATIVE.

R. McKnight, of Indianapolis, Ind., 1560 Columbia avenue, would like to know the whereabouts of his brother, Lucius McKnight.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Rev. London Facing, a resident of Cincinnati for fifty years or more, departed this life Wednesday, April 28, 1915, at the age of 74 years. In the ministery for many years, he sounded the gospel in the valley and on the mountain and received his summons well done. He leaves two sons and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Take your rest.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

The concert Monday evening at South high school, under the auspices of Buckeye Lodge of Elks, was the finest ever held in the city and is the talk of the town. -- J. L. Harvey, 820 West Federal street, has two barber chairs for sale. -- Logan Lodge No. 4, K. of P. will meet in regular session Thursday evening, May 13, to complete arrangements for their annual sermon Sunday, May 16. All are ordered to be present. -- Dr. C. A. Pettiford is very ill at his home on Oak Hill avenue. -- Moses Sutton of N. West avenue, is on the sick list.

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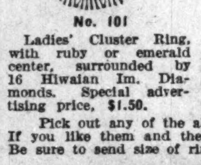

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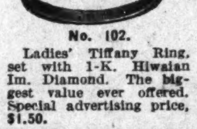

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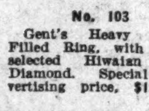

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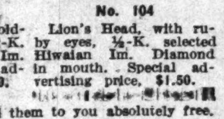

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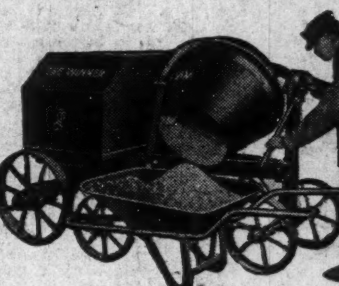

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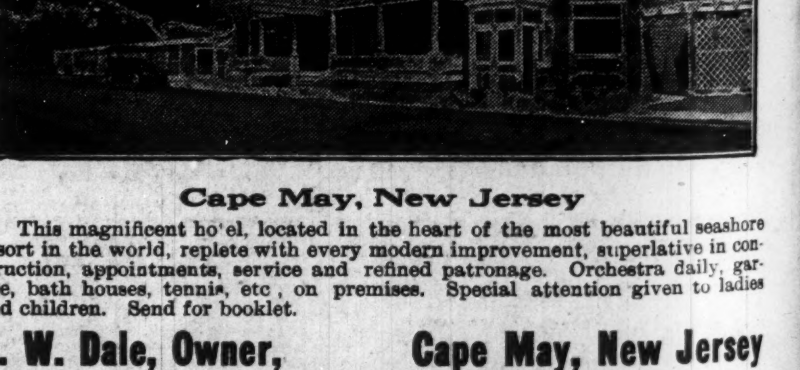

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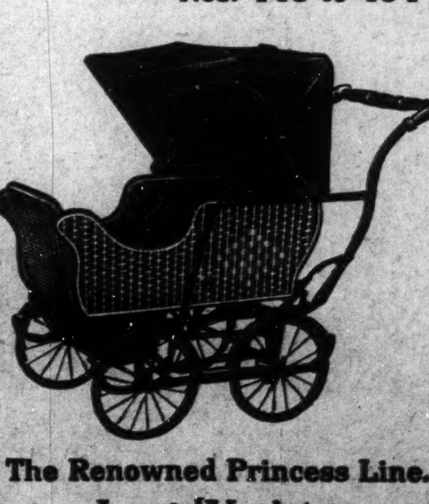

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